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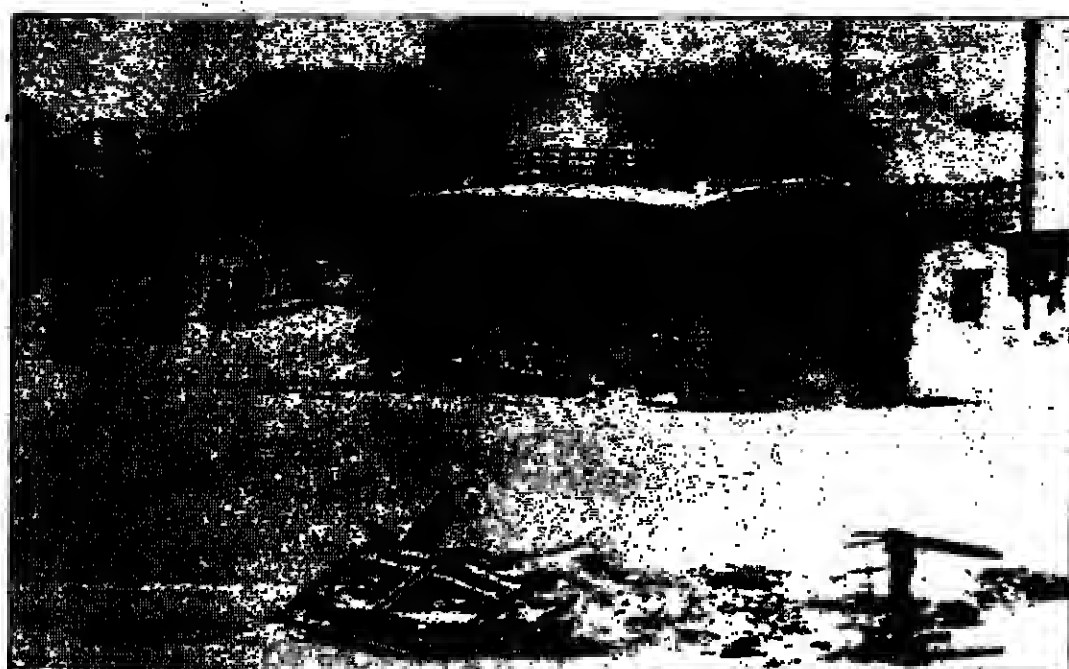
Violence spreads to Karachi 222 killed in ethnic clashes

KARACHI, Oct. 1, (Agencies): Police and youths from rival communities fought gunbattles in Karachi today, killing at least 62 people, as the death toll from two days of ethnic violence in southern Pakistan soared to 222, witnesses and hospital sources said.

Authorities clamped curfews and deployed troops in at least eight sections of the southern port city to quell the unrest between native Sindhis and Mohajirs, migrants from India.

The latest violence was sparked by news reports suggesting that massacres yesterday in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Latifabad, 90 miles (145 km) north-east of Karachi in Sind province, were carried out by Sindhis, although officials said they still were unable to identify the attackers.

Hospital sources said the death toll from the co-ordinated attacks by at least 60 gunmen in the two cities rose to 160, mostly Mohajirs, today as bodies continued to be brought in from the streets. At least 300 people were injured.



The remains of a burning bus in a street after ethnic violence rocked Karachi. (Reuters wirephoto)

Curfew

Both cities were reported calm today after authorities imposed a curfew overnight.

Hundreds of people have been killed in southern Sind province in the past two years in clashes involving four of Pakistan's main ethnic groups.

It was the worst explosion of violence for nearly two years in southern Pakistan.

No organisation has claimed responsibility for the Hyderabad attack, launched simultaneously in four or five different places.

The Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) said in a statement that the organisation's offices and the house of Hyderabad's Mohajir mayor were targeted by the gunmen, some of whom were masked.

But Syed Alam Shah, President of the left-wing Awami National Party, said the attackers had struck at both Mohajir and Sindhi communities.

Security

The MQM demanded the sacking of the Sind provincial government, for failing to provide security for the people.

The Sind chief minister, Akbar Ali Kazi, flew to Hyderabad today and the official radio reported that the city of half a

million people was "calm and under control." Troops have been ordered to shoot curfew violators on sight.

"These acts of violence are of those who drive inspiration from a powerful lobby across the borders," Kazi said.

Kazi ordered a judicial inquiry, but named no country. In the past, Pakistani authorities have accused neighbouring India of interfering in Sind, a charge denied by New Delhi.

Witnesses and hospital sources said hundreds of Mohajir youths, enraged by the reports of the massacre, attacked Sindhi homes in eastern Karachi. At least 51 people were killed and scores injured in ensuing gunbattles.

Groups of Mohajirs also tried to block traffic in the centre of the city. When police arrived, clashes broke out and six were killed, witnesses and hospital sources said.

Rioters also torched buses, cars and motorcycles as the violence spread to other areas of the city in the afternoon.

Hell

Ali Hassan, a local resident of Hyderabad, who saw the violence, said, "It was hell."

"The markets were full of people... when bullets were sprayed from a moving car. There was panic and people started running for shelter," he said.

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4 killed in Iraqi tug explosions in Gulf

LONDON, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Four sailors were killed and 11 injured when two Iraqi tugs sank following a series of mystery explosions in the Umm Qasr waterway in the northern Gulf three weeks ago, Lloyd's List International reported today.

The shipping newspaper said the incident, which went unreported until yesterday, took place while the tugs were patrolling the waterway and was the first report of shipping casualties in the Gulf since Iraq and Iran agreed a ceasefire on Aug 20.

Lloyd's quoted Gulf sources as saying both vessels were owned by an Iraqi state company which was not identified. The sources speculated the blasts were caused by mines laid by Iran before the ceasefire although there was no firm evidence to support the theory.

Effort

The incident had not hindered Iraq's effort to clear the Khor Al-Zubeir/Umm Qasr area of the many vessels trapped during the eight years of war, the specialist newspaper added. Eight vessels have been cleared from the area and a further five remain trapped, it said.

Lloyd's quoted one source in the Gulf as suggesting the incident was unpublicised because Iraq did not want to jeopardise sensitive peace negotiations with Iran.

It said the incident could have repercussions on the London war risk insurance market because Umm Qasr had been reopened to commercial vessels.

Canadian polls

OTTAWA, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Conservative Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, putting his controversial free trade agreement with the United States on the line, today announced a general election for Nov 21.

Mulroney's widely expected announcement came two days after the latest public opinion poll showed that the conservatives could win a majority over the opposition Liberals and New Democratic Party.



HH the Amir was received yesterday at the airport by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad.

Amir returns

KUWAIT, Oct. 1, (KUNA): HH the Amir returned home at 5 pm today after delivering a speech at the UN headquarters as Chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference during the 43rd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Amir and the accompanying delegation, stopped on his way home at the Spanish island of Majorca.

The Amir was received at the Kuwait International Airport by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, head of the National Guards, Sheikh Salem Al Ali, and other senior officials.

Iran, Iraq express cautious optimism

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 1, (AP): Iran and Iraq's foreign ministers offered no hint of progress in their deadlocked peace talks, but both expressed cautious optimism about the negotiations on the eve of their face-to-face meeting today.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will advance proposals in an effort to break the stalemate, said Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias, who met separately with the two foreign ministers yesterday.

Perez de Cuellar and his special representative to the talks, Swedish UN Ambassador Jan K. Eliasson, also held separate meetings yesterday evening with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

nations be cleared of sunken ships and silt so it is navigable again. The waterway is Iraq's only outlet to the Gulf.

Iran insisted that the remaining provisions of Security Council Resolution 598 of 1987 must be implemented before other issues are dealt with.

The two belligerents have observed a truce since Aug 20, the first provision of Resolution 598. Five days later, the two countries opened the peace talks, another provision of the resolution.

Deadlock

The remaining requirements of 598 call for withdrawal of forces to the border, which is generally where the forces are now located; exchange of prisoners of war; continued peace talks to settle their differences; and appointment of an impartial commission to apportion blame for the outbreak of the war.

Papoulias said after his meetings with Velayati and Aziz yesterday that he discussed the war with both men.

"Efforts have been undertaken on the part of the secretary-general to resolve the deadlock that has evolved in the area, and always there is hope

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US Congress drops sanctions against Iraq

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1, (AP): Congress approved a \$14.3-billion compromise foreign aid bill and sent it to President Reagan after stripping out provisions that would have imposed punitive economic sanctions against Iraq for its alleged use of poison gas against the nation's Kurdish minority.

The House of Representatives dropped the Iraqi sanctions, which had been added to the bill earlier by the Senate, without debate after they were ruled out of order on procedural grounds.

Voted

That sent the measure back to the Senate, which voted to accept the House version at 11:57 pm yesterday — three minutes before the midnight deadline for passage of the bill.

Sanction opponents cited State Department fears that such

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DAY BY DAY

WE are indeed pleased by the Amir's speech to the United Nations. The reactions to the speech are well known to all.

It appears that the Islamic and Arab worlds need such a direction in speaking to European minds.

I sincerely wish the Amir's speech be widely published and explained in the Western press. In addition, we call upon the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed to give a similar speech in the European Parliament. Such a direction will certainly serve the issues of the Islamic and Arab nations, especially when the speaker is the Amir of Kuwait — a personality well-known for his principles in the international arena.

We hope our aspirations will materialise.

Zahed Matar

Graf adds Olympic title to Grand Slam

SEOUL, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Steffi Graf wrote a new page in the history books today, becoming the first tennis player to win the Grand Slam sweep and the Olympic gold medal in a single year.

The West German world number one beat Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina 6-3 6-3 in the women's final of the first Olympic tennis tournament in 64 years.

"I think it's something that not many people after me will achieve," said the 19-year-old Graf through her tears of happiness after the 82-minute match. "I'm just amazed that I've done it."

Doubles

Ken Flach and Robert Seguso gave the American team their second doubles gold, beating Spaniards Emilio Sanchez and Sergio Casal 6-3 6-4 7-6 7-9 in an exciting final. Sanchez and Casal won Spain's first silver medal of the Games.

Sabatini's silver medal was rich consolation for Argentina who had not won an Olympic medal of any colour since the 1972 Munich Games.

But Sabatini, the only woman to beat Graf this year, shed her own tears in disappointment. "I'm very upset," she said. "I thought I was going to have a better match. I'm going to have to work more to try to beat Steffi."

The win took Graf's current stretch of victories to 39. Three weeks ago she beat Sabatini in the US Open final to seal her Grand Slam triumph and become only the fifth player to win all four major tournaments in a calendar year.

The New York match went to three sets but Sabatini, 18, had no answer to Graf's superb form at the Olympic Park. Time and again, the Argentine third seed ran to the net to try to get the upper hand only to be passed by



Graf holds up her arm in victory after receiving the gold medal. (Reuters wirephoto)

Graf's powerful forehand.

Graf wiped tears of joy from her eyes after the medals presentation. "It is amazing to have won the Grand Slam and then the Olympic gold medal," she said.

"I arrived in Seoul very tired and was feeling very down and just hoped to get as far as I could," she added. "I am so excited to have achieved this."

Palestinians call 3-day strike in Hebron

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Palestinians in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron began a three-day strike today in mourning over the deaths of two Palestinians killed in clashes the previous day.

Residents described the atmosphere as tense in the ancient town as Arab shops and transport closed and security sources said Jewish settlers armed with stones smashed the windows of several Arab cars.

Hebron, a centre of Palestinian nationalism to its 80,000 Arab residents and ultra-nationalist Zionism to the 200 Jews who live among them, was closed to the press for the second straight day and part of it was under curfew.

Incidents

Residents called the strike after troops killed two Palestinians yesterday in incidents sparked by clashes between stone-throwing Arabs and Israeli residents who fired guns.

More than 50 people were hurt when a helicopter dropped tear gas on a nationalist funeral for one of the dead Palestinians, and Arab residents said two teenagers were slightly injured by Army gunfire during clashes that continued into the night.

About 50 Palestinian women staged a sit-in at the Red Cross building to protest against the killings.

At least 288 Palestinians and six Israelis have died in a 10-month uprising against Israeli military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

In the past week troops have shot dead eight and wounded at least 125 Palestinians — nearly as many as in the first three weeks of September, according to United Nations relief agency statistics. But Palestinian protest showed no sign of abating.

Gorbachev elected President Soviet leader takes full control of party and government

MOSCOW, Oct. 1, (UPI): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in a sweeping reorganisation of government and politics yesterday and today, ousted enemies, promoted loyalists and assumed the title of President, taking full control of the Communist Party and the government.

Four members of the ruling Politburo were either ousted or retired and the number-two man, Yegor Ligachev, a rival of Gorbachev, stripped of the all-important ideology portfolio.

In his first speech as President, Gorbachev said his programme of perestroika had entered a crucial phase and that, under his leadership, the previously toothless Parliament would assume an active role in Soviet domestic and foreign policy.

"Perestroika has entered a new and crucial phase," Gorbachev told the 1,500 delegates attending the one-hour session of Parliament. He said successful economic change and an end to "the distortions and twisting of the principles of socialism" would lead the nation to a modern level.



Important

"Along with dealing with the more important domestic policy issues, the nation's legislature will be definitely more active in implementing Soviet foreign policies," Gorbachev said in a televised speech.

The Supreme Soviet also appointed deputy KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov to replace Viktor Chebrikov as head of the secret police, the Tass news agency said. Chebrikov retained his full-voting status in the Politburo.

President Andrei Gromyko was "retired" from the ruling Politburo yesterday and stepped

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WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with moderate north westerly wind freshening at times.

State of sea: moderate

High water: 5.45 pm

Low water: 10.30 am, 10.00 pm

Sunrise: 5.42 am

Sunset: 5.33 pm

Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 40°C 104°F

Ahmad: 36°C 97°F

Falaka: 37°C 99°F

Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 39°C 102°F

Ahmad: 36°C 97°F

Falaka: 37°C 99°F

Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 28 per cent

Ahmad: 36 per cent

Falaka: 45 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 35 per cent

Ahmad: 43 per cent

Falaka: 48 per cent

INTERNATIONAL

Nigeria marks birthday

LAGOS, Oct 1, (Reuters): Nigeria confirmed the poor state of government finances today but allocated extra funds to raise falling health and education standards.

Growing concern about the quickening inflation rate and the soaring balance of payments deficit was reflected in General Ibrahim Babangida's generally somber speech marking the country's 28th birthday.

"The reality of our national financial resources compels us to put some brake on our budgetary commitment," the military President said in Abuja, the future inland capital.

Low prices for crude oil, the mainstay of Nigeria's economy, have played havoc with the 1988 budget and Babangida said spending cuts had had to be made.

Hungry
But after a week when the World Bank announced that 14 million of Nigeria's 100 million people go hungry every day, he promised action to protect the most vulnerable groups from the effects of harsh economic policies.

An extra 100 million naira (\$22 million) will be spent on drugs in hospitals, text-books in schools and to improve child nutrition.

With the oil boom of the early 1980s now just a bitter memory, Nigeria is celebrating its independence from Britain in a low and self-critical key.

The Nigerian Tribune suggested that the past year has been the worst ever.

"The quality of life fell more sharply than ever before unemployment persists among young, agile and willing people starvation is on the increase... the majority is at its wits' end," the daily commented yesterday.

Snowfalls trap foreigners in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India, Oct 1, (Reuters): About 40 foreign climbers and trekkers have been trapped by heavy early snowfalls in Kashmir and Ladakh, officials in the north Indian region said today.

They said Indian Air Force helicopters brought out five people from the Zaskar area of eastern Kashmir today, but had weather curtailed search attempts for 39 more.

Those rescued included a Belgian, but the officials said no further details were available immediately.

Trekkers
Climbers including eight Poles and six Americans were among those trapped by the snows, and seven Swiss trekkers were overdue in Pahalgam, in the south-east of the Kashmir valley, the officials said.

In the lower parts of Kashmir, heavy rains triggered floods and landslides, cutting most of the region's main roads and killing about 70 people.

The floods hit three other northern states over the past week and about 370 people died, the Indian government said.

Bomb blast

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 1, (Reuters): Four powerful explosions damaged buildings in two South African cities on Friday, police said.

A police report today said the explosions at coloured (mixed race) suburbs caused no injuries.

Reagan portrays Dukakis as far out liberal

WASHINGTON, Oct 1 (AP): President Reagan campaigned for his Vice-President yesterday, portraying Democratic contender Michael Dukakis as "liberal, liberal, liberal."

Speaking to an audience of 1,200 at a Polish social hall in southwest Chicago, the President suggested that Dukakis' performance in last Sunday's debate was "just like an ACLU member: He didn't have a prayer when he needed one."

The ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) is a civil rights organisation that often defends controversial causes in the courts. One was forced prayer in public schools, which the Supreme Court ruled was a violation of the US constitution's separation of church and state.

Republican George Bush has

had much to say about Dukakis' membership in the ACLU, which was widely regarded to support liberal causes. It is part of a Republican strategy to paint the Massachusetts governor as a liberal, which American voters perceive to be the extreme left.

Questioning the positions of the ACLU, Reagan added: "You recall a few years back, political figures had to disassociate themselves from groups on the right with far-out views. Isn't it now time for responsible people to do the same thing with far-out groups on the left?"

Better
Dukakis and Bush raised each other's home states yesterday. Dukakis accusing his Republican rival of pursuing an agricultural policy of "the fewer

farmers the better" and Bush swooping into Massachusetts to collect more endorsements from police who serve under the Democrat.

Dukakis told a farm rally in Idalou, a small community in Bush's adopted state of Texas, that the Vice-President "doesn't see the pain in rural America." He vowed to devote \$100 million for investment in rural areas if elected.

Bush, meanwhile, made the second raid of Dukakis' home turf in a week to pick up police endorsements. Eight days after he won the backing of the Boston Police Patrolman's Association, the Vice-President yesterday made a hasty schedule change to accept the endorsement in Springfield, Massachusetts, of two municipal police unions.

222 killed in ethnic clashes

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He said 10 to 15 cars and jeeps opened fire in about 30 different parts of the city at the same time.

Hassan said the targets included public gatherings, a wedding, movie houses and bus stops.

He said sirens wailed as ambulances raced through the streets ferrying the dead and wounded to hospitals.

"It was a very well-planned attack and executed with perfection," Hassan said.

Ismael Baloch, a fish merchant and wounded survivor of the Karachi bus attack, said he and about 19 other Sindhis were riding from their village to the main harbour when armed Mohajirs stopped their bus near Karachi airport.

"They just started firing through windows and doors," he said from his bed at the city's Jinnah Hospital.

Conspiracy
Authorities responded in both cities by calling in Army troops with machine-gun mounted jeeps and armoured personnel carriers.

Meanwhile, opposition leaders blamed the violence on a conspiracy to block the democratic process in the nation.

"It appears a particular group as part of a calculated scheme is trying to create conditions suitable for the reimposition of martial law," Professor Ghaffar Ahmed, deputy chairman of the right-wing Jamaat-i-Islami Party, said in a statement.

"A group carried out the shooting in Hyderabad and Latifabad so that Nov 16 elections cannot be held," said Shah Farid-ul-Haq, Vice-President of the Jamaat Ul-e-Akbar.

Appealed
Begum Nusrat Bhutto, chairwoman of the opposition Pakistan People's Party, appealed in a statement late yesterday for people to "remain calm and not get provoked by the conspiratorial elements who for their ends want to pit brother against brother."

Any major unrest in the country could prompt the government to postpone the elections, which were called in July by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who died in a mysterious Aug 17 plane crash that also killed much of the country's top military officers.

Space shuttle crew to work on experiments

HOUSTON, Oct 1, (Reuters): The crew of the space shuttle Discovery was set today to resume a light workload and practice for re-entry after a relatively trouble-free flight.

The mission is being touted as a near-perfect return to flight by the American manned space programme, grounded since the 1986 Challenger disaster.

"It's been a really good experience. We're having a lot of fun," said flight director Chuck Shaw late yesterday after his ground control team ended their shift. "It's not been a hard flight to fly."

NASA employees were delighted with the flight, Shaw said. Saturday's schedule includes more work on an experiment designed to study lightning activity in storms and several photographic surveys.

Clogged
One problem on the mission has been a clogged cooling system, called a flash evaporator and the astronauts may now be told to test it.

The system's vents are believed to have been blocked with ice shortly after lift-off. The Discovery's crew has been adding heat to the system to thaw the ice, but there is no way of

knowing if the system is clear without actually using it.

The flash evaporator system is normally used during lift-off and re-entry when the shuttle's huge door radiators are stowed and turned off.

"We know that the answer is 'don't rush it'," Shaw said of the problem. He added that NASA officials may decide to test the system today or wait until re-entry to turn it on.

Failed
The only other significant problem during this mission was resolved yesterday when a television dish antenna — not essential to the flight — was stowed away after it failed to align itself properly.

The mission's third day will coincide with the 30th anniversary of the founding of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NASA spokesman Ed Campion at the Johnson Space Centre said no commemorative ceremony is planned.

The Discovery's success so far has been hailed as the rebirth of the US space programme after the Challenger exploded seconds after lift-off on January 28, 1986, killing all seven crew members aboard.

Benn challenges for Labour leadership

LONDON, Oct 1, (AP): The Labour Party starts its annual convention tomorrow with a leadership challenge by Tony Benn, doyen of the radical left, that has reopened divisions in the socialist movement.

Nobody doubts that party leader Neil Kinnock will shrug off the bid by Benn, a former energy secretary whose opposition to capitalism mirrors Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's crusade against socialism.

But Benn's six-month campaign has underlined the divide between moderates and radicals and forced Kinnock into reaffirming Labour's pledge to ban nuclear weapons — a vote-losing policy he had tried to dump.

Benn, 63, an aristocrat who renounced his hereditary title, sees his challenge as the last

chance to block major proposed policy changes which will shift Labour toward the centre.

Kinnock, 46, regards the policy overhaul as the only hope of averting a fourth consecutive election defeat by Mrs. Thatcher's Conservatives.

The changes, announced in the spring, will be debated for the first time at this year's week-long convention at Blackpool, in northwest England.

While Benn is seeking to unseat Kinnock, two other leftists, Eric Heffer and John Prescott, are running against the party's moderate deputy leader, Roy Hattersley. Hattersley is also likely to be re-elected, but in a closer contest.

Voting takes place tomorrow evening, with results due the same night.

Benn sees the policy review as a betrayal of principles, telling a news conference yesterday: "In my opinion, socialism will be abandoned and power will be centralised."

Kinnock sees the overhaul as relating policy of the "facts of life."

"It is the realism that says when you have been defeated three times, then it is your duty to look at yourselves, to review your policies, to consider your positions," he said recently.

Film on Lennon is honest portrait, says Ono

LOS ANGELES, Oct 1, (Reuters): Yoko Ono, the widow of rock star John Lennon, said yesterday that a new documentary about the former Beatle was painful for her to see but painted an accurate and honest portrait of her husband.

"I tried to control my emotions and see it from an objective point of view, but obviously it was very painful for me," she told reporters at a news conference to promote the film, "Imagine: John Lennon."

But she added that the documentary, which will be released on Oct 7, had her complete endorsement.

"It is John. He was a very complex person and all aspects of his emotions and his life have been covered. You will see from all different angles what John really was about," she added.

Portraits

Ono's media advisor asked reporters not to question her about a controversial new biography — "The Lives of John Lennon" by Albert Goldman — which portrays the musician as a bisexual and drug addict who spent his last years as an anorexic recluse.

But Ono did say she hoped the documentary would counteract the negative impression formed by the book.

"Imagine: John Lennon" was created from some 200 hours of film, including footage of Lennon at home and in the studio that had not been released before. The narration consists of



Yoko Ono poses for photographers during a ceremony along the Hollywood Walk of Fame on behalf of her late husband John Lennon. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lennon's own comments on his life.

"The complex nature of John Lennon is what comes out," said the film's director, Andrew Solt. "The aim is to tell the story honestly... to do him justice in this film... not come out with a version that was St. John of

Liverpool."

Solt said the surviving three Beatles had seen the film.

After the news conference, Ono unveiled a star commemorating Lennon on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Lennon was murdered in New York in 1980.

Mobutu accepts invitation to visit Pretoria

Botha goes wooing black Africa

GBADOLITE, Zaire, Oct 1, (Reuters): South Africa launched its most ambitious diplomatic initiative in black Africa today when President P.W. Botha flew to a remote jungle palace in northwest Zaire.

Botha, whose country has long been shunned by black-ruled states because of its apartheid policy, met President Mobutu Sese Seko for talks on Angola's civil war and independence for southern African-ruled Namibia.

Visitors
Botha said Mobutu had accepted an invitation to visit Pretoria at a date yet to be fixed.

"We see peace for all Africa," Botha said as he was greeted by Mobutu, who sported traditional leopard skin cap and serpent-headed cane.

The visit put relations between

whose delegations have met seven times since May, most recently this week in Brazzaville.

Mediation
They are seeking with US mediation the withdrawal of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola and the implementation of long-delayed independence for neighbouring Namibia.

Botha requested the one-day meeting with Mobutu who has been accused for more than 10 years by Angola of letting Zaire be used as a UNITA base and supply route.

Pretoria is the main backer of UNITA — Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — which also receives US support.

Pretoria hopes the talks will lead to an unprecedented African summit between Botha and up to six African leaders.

US Congress drops...

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a move would damage diplomatic efforts to persuade the Iraqis to forswear use of chemical weapons.

The Senate and House earlier had passed different versions of sanctions against Iraq, with the Senate approving a far more sweeping version than the House.

Sale
Also dropped from the bill were provisions barring the sale to China of three US satellites to be launched on the Chinese Long March missile until the President can certify that China is not selling missiles to Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya or Saudi Arabia and will not do so in the future. The vote to kill that provision was 234-23.

Opponents of that section of the bill argued that such a prohibition would derail delicate diplomatic arrangements with China worked out by Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci on a recent trip to Beijing.

Soviet leader takes control of party and government

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In the shuffle, Vadim Medvedev became one of 12 full-voting members of the Politburo, sidestepping the usual practice of serving as a candidate, or non-voting member.

Full Politburo member Mikhail Solomentsev, 70, and candidate member Vladimir Dolgikh, 63 and Demichev, 70 were ousted in the shake-up.

Ideology
Anatoly Dohrynin, 68, former Soviet ambassador to the United States for 24 years and head of the Communist Party Central Committee's international department was also retired at "his own request."

Yegor Ligachev, was made

chairman of a new central committee commission overseeing agriculture. He retains his seat on the Politburo but his impact on party direction may have been severely curtailed.

Since Gorbachev assumed power the average age of the Politburo has declined from just under 70 years of age to 62 years.

While Medvedev moved up to the Politburo as a full member, Minister of Internal Affairs, Alexander Vlasov, 56, Lukin and Alexander Biryukova, 59, were all moved up to non-voting status on the Politburo. There are now eight non-voting positions.

Biryukova becomes the first woman to serve on the Politburo in 27 years.

Reagan denies US bargaining for hostages

CHICAGO, Oct 1, (Reuters): President Reagan yesterday denied a report the United States has made a secret deal to free US hostages in the Middle East, although a Reagan aide said others might be negotiating for their freedom.

A flurry of White House comment on the subject was prompted by an Israeli newspaper report that the United States and Iran had negotiated an agreement for the release of eight Americans and British church envoy Terry Waite. All are held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

Contact
"We have no direct negotiations, nor have we had with Iran at any time in this," Reagan told reporters during a trip to Chicago.

"Certainly there is no contact between us and the kidnappers. We are doing everything we can to get them (the hostages) back. But these rumours and reports that are about negotiations, all I can say is, they must be coming from Iran because they are not true."

En route to Chicago, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater also denied the report.

But Fitzwater added that Washington "encouraged people" to talk with Iran on its behalf — Washington and Tehran have no diplomatic relations.

Iran, Iraq express...

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that the deadlock will be overcome.

"After so many years of war, the issues cannot be overcome from one day to another," said Papoulas.

After the meeting, Aziz was asked if there were any breakthroughs in the offing, especially on the Shatt Al Arab.

Aziz said: "I don't want to make any hasty conclusions because we have not yet met the Iranians, and we will see if they have anything new."

Result
After his meeting with Perez de Cuellar, told reporters: "We do hope that during these talks that are taking place in New York, we could reach a tangible result, and we hope that we could reach a concrete conclusion, for the implementation of the provisions of Resolution 598."

Iran's UN ambassador, Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, said: "We should be hopeful. Diplomats must always be hopeful. We have no other choice."

Perez de Cuellar said as he left the United Nations that questions of substance were not discussed yesterday, but would be taken up today.

Chemical weapons

WASHINGTON, Oct 1, (AP): French Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement said an international conference to stop the use of chemical weapons could begin early next year.

Chevenement told reporters yesterday that the conference, proposed by US President Ronald Reagan, would possibly take "a few months' work" after an initial session.

W. German envoy

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 1, (Reuters): West German UN representative Alexander York takes over the presidency of the Security Council today.

The post rotates monthly according to the English alphabetical order of the council's 15 member states. York succeeds Ambassador Pierre-Louis Blanc of France.

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Back-to-work deadline nears

Burma returning to normal

RANGOON, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Burma's military rulers daily describe a nation getting busily back to work as their Monday deadline nears for an end to strikes, but diplomats say things have gone too far for a complete return to normal.

"I think people will go back to work on Monday because they have to, because they are afraid," a Western ambassador said. But, he said, discontent would erupt again.

Fifty per cent of workers at state enterprises and civil service offices went to their jobs yesterday, another diplomat estimated, adding that many were returning just to try to collect September's wages.

"People are going in to get their pay, signing on as if they have attended work, then going back on strike," a third diplomat said. "Tuesday will be the first day when we will see whether the strike is resumed, after people have been paid."

Official Radio Rangoon's news broadcasts are filled with

reports of military officers who now head government departments congratulating returning workers and offering words of encouragement.

Nurses
One report said the Health Minister met nurses this week and told them to be non-political and ethical.

"Nurses should respond politely and in a refined manner when security men, who are doing their duty, interrogate them," he was quoted as saying.

Nurses were mowed down by army gunfire in front of Rangoon General Hospital on Aug 11 as they aided pro-democracy protesters injured in a military attempt to suppress dissent.

August's violence triggered massive demonstrations and strikes in almost every industry and government department.

A military takeover on Sept 18 violently ended the demonstrations, but the strikes continue and diplomats say hatred engendered by the Army's use of arms against civilians will prevent any

attempt to get people working normally again.

Diplomats say the takeover was a false coup designed to suppress revolt and keep Burma's old guard militaristic socialist rulers, and their chief, Ne Win, in power.

Thousands, most of them unarmed demonstrators, were killed in the crackdowns in August and September.

"There's enormous hatred," the Western ambassador said. "What happened in August and then even on a worse scale in recent days will not be forgotten for a long time. They will have very far-reaching effects."

Ban
Burma's military rulers, backed by a show of force with troops and armoured cars, banned government employee unions and radical student groups that have led strikes and demonstrations demanding democracy, official Rangoon Radio said.

The radio said yesterday the banning decree was issued to

stop "disunity and dissension... and a breakdown of discipline" and was meant "to systematically supervise and control the formation of associations and organisations."

Dozens of new state employee unions, student groups and neighbourhood associations have sprung up in the past three months to lead the fight to replace Burma's authoritarian regime with an interim government to hold democratic elections.

The banning decree was issued on a day of mixed signals from the government. Opposition leaders said yesterday that the government had offered to meet with them, even as a column of troops and armoured cars moved through the capital in a show of force.

The decree bans all organisations that include members of the civil service, the defence forces or state boards and corporations—a stipulation that covers the vast majority of non-farm workers in Burma's socialist economy.



Burmese students train with M-16 assault rifles at a Karen guerrilla camp near the border. (Reuters wirephoto)

Island marks Independence Day

Cyprus displays latest weapons

NICOSIA, Oct. 1. (AP): Greek Cypriots displayed newly acquired battle tanks, tank-killing helicopters, multiple rocket launchers and armoured cars today in a military parade marking the war-divided island's 28th anniversary of independence from Britain.

President George Vassiliou said after reviewing the 45-minute parade in downtown Nicosia that the new hardware underlined how Greek Cypriots have "acquired a real defence capability."

Flanked by Defence Minister Andreas Aloftis and Gen. George Politis, commander of the 13,000-man national guard, he said his government aimed to strengthen the military.

But he stressed: "Strengthening our defence capabilities is not an end in itself. Our aim is a peaceful solution and we look forward to the day when Cyprus will be free of foreign troops and settlers."

The Turkish Army invaded Cyprus in 1974 after a short-lived coup by supporters of union with Greece and seized the northern one-third of the Mediterranean island.

It maintains an estimated 30,000 troops there. There are also some 50,000 mainland settlers.

The British have two key sovereign bases on the island, their highest outside the United Kingdom, and intelligence-gathering surveillance installations in the Troodos mountains.

Appeal
Today's military display came amid a new effort by the leaders of the rival communities to end partition. In an Independence Day message, Vassiliou appealed to Turkish Cypriots to work to reunite Cyprus.

He is currently engaged in closed-door United Nations-sponsored talks with Turkish leader Rauf Denktaş, the first effort in three years to reunite the island.

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Lebanon's death toll lowest in 7 years

BEIRUT, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Factional violence killed 35 people in Lebanon in September, the lowest monthly toll in seven years despite a power struggle that left the country with two rival governments and no president.

Police and security sources said the 35 were killed in political and war-related violence, while 20 people died in civil and criminal incidents, such as robberies and road accidents.

The casualties were the lowest since 53 people died in war-related incidents in February 1981, six years after civil war erupted.

Fears of intensified violence have remained high since President Amin Gemayel ended his six-year term on Sept 23.

Israeli troops and the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia killed 10 guerrillas and civilians in south Lebanon during the month, police and security reports said.

An Israeli air raid on Palestinian positions east of the port of Sidon killed five people and a bomb blast in Israel's self-proclaimed border security zone

killed an SLA militiaman. Two car bomb blasts in Beirut, one in the East and the other of the Syrian-controlled West, killed nine people.

Unidentified gunmen assassinated three senior officials of the Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia and their driver south of the capital.

Lebanese militias and Palestinian groups executed three people in September for alleged crimes. A Palestinian was killed in a clash with a rival guerrilla group at Bourj Al Barajneh refugee camp in Beirut.

Hirohito survives new health crisis

TOKYO, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Japan's Emperor Hirohito survived what appeared to be the second major crisis in his fight for life today.

Two emergency blood deliveries and a sudden rush of royal family members to the palace in central Tokyo in mid-afternoon raised media speculation that the ailing 87-year-old had taken a turn for the worse.

The royal visitors included the heir to the throne, Crown Prince Akihito, who later returned to his home in the Togu Palace nearby.

Palace officials confirmed there had been a crisis and told an early evening news conference that Hirohito had lost a lot of blood and suffered a sharp drop in blood pressure.

They did not repeat their normal comment that his condition was stable, noting only that after a further blood transfusion his condition had returned to what it had been earlier in the day and that he was conscious.

He was able to talk to his grandson Prince Aya and the Crown Prince in what the officials said was a firm voice. Aya returned from his studies at Oxford University in England just as today's crisis started.

Pulse
However, an official medical bulletin also showed that the Emperor's pulse was faster than normal.

Hirohito, who has suffered almost continuous internal bleeding, has now received 4.4 litres (about nine pints) of new blood in less than two weeks. The human body's normal capacity is around five litres.

The first crisis came last Saturday when his pulse, temperature and blood pressure all fluctuated far from what are considered normal levels.

The latest crisis dispelled an earlier brief period of optimism amongst palace officials after the Emperor took his first food since he collapsed, vomiting blood, on Sept 19.

Palace officials had pointed to the development as good news. "Depending on his condition, we would like to keep giving his majesty food," said grand steward Shoichi Fujimori.

Attendants had given Hirohito five or six teaspoonsful of arrowroot starch gruel, which is usually used in Japanese cooking to thicken sauces, he said.

First anniversary of Tibet unrest

Police seal centre of Lhasa

BEIJING, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Two hundred Chinese police armed with staves, shields and steel helmets sealed off the centre of Lhasa today, the first anniversary of a bloody riot by Tibetans calling for independence from China.

Westerners in the city said police stopped residents from entering Barkhor square, where stone-throwing crowds battled police armed with automatic weapons a year ago, and warned foreign tourists they would be arrested unless they kept away.

Police also patrolled the Octagonal alley around the nearby Jokhang temple, walking in the opposite direction to the constant stream of pilgrims which circles the shrine, the sources said.

China in June announced the founding of a special police detachment in Tibet to prevent riots and separatist agitation.

Most private shopkeepers closed their premises for the day fearing fresh unrest, the sources said. Oct 1 is also the 39th anniversary of the founding of communist China and a national holiday.

Monks
Lhasa authorities have this week appeared nervous of further trouble on the anniversary of the riot, in which a police station was razed and several people killed, some of them policemen and others protesters shot by police.

A Westerner in Lhasa said on Friday the 1,000 Buddhist monks at the city's main monasteries, who led last year's unrest, had been forbidden by authorities to leave their quarters until Oct 5.

On Tuesday police fired tear gas to prevent Tibetans demonstrating outside the Jokhang temple after a small group of monks began shouting anti-Chinese slogans, the sources quoted witnesses as saying.

The official New China News Agency today made no mention of the anniversary but said 600 Tibetan soldiers in the People's Liberation Army had been awarded officer ranks in line with the reintroduction of formal ranks to the Chinese military this year.

First rock show opens in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Oct. 1. (UPI): Tens of thousands of fans roared in excitement last night as Bruce Springsteen and other artists opened India's first major rock show, a 7-hour extravaganza for human rights.

The musicians kicked off the New Delhi leg of the "Human Rights Now" world concert tour with a rendition of the Bob Marley reggae classic "Get Up, stand up (fight for your rights)."

The huge Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium resounded with the cheers of tens of thousands of fans, most of them young people, many of whom travelled to New Delhi from other parts of the vast country.

Hundreds of fans packed the stage front, waving their arms and dancing to N'dour's vibrant African style rock rhythm.

Security was strict for the 7-hour show, which also was to feature sets by Springsteen, British musicians Sting and Peter Gabriel, American singers Tracy Chapman and Indian artist L. Shankar.

US woman scales Mount Everest

KATHMANDU, Oct. 1. (UPI): Stacy Marie Allison, a construction worker from Oregon, became the first American woman to reach the world's seventh highest peak, Mount Everest, the Ministry of Tourism said today.

The ministry, which authorises Himalayan expeditions, said Allison, 30, reached the 29,028-foot (8,847 m) summit on Thursday, having followed the normal southeast ridge approach.

Allison, who began her climb on Aug 22 was accompanied by sherpa guide Pasang Gyalzen, 26, the announcement said.

She was part of the 11-member northwest American Everest expedition led by James Frush, 38, an attorney from Seattle.

Oslo police arrest four Palestinians

OSLO, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Four Palestinians and a Syrian have been arrested in Norway on charges of planning the country under false pretences, Oslo police said today.

Inspector Tor Skriverhaug, who led the operation, was quoted by the daily Aftenposten as saying the police suspected that the five men intended to build a "terrorist cell" linked to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The Arabs, said to be in their early 20s, have not been named. Police said they were arrested several weeks ago.

"We strongly suspect that they were going to build up a cell that

could have struck at any time," Skriverhaug told Aftenposten.

He suggested that the five could have been involved in a long-term plan to launch an attack during the 1994 Winter Olympics, which are to be held in Lillehammer, north of Oslo.

The five had applied for political asylum on arrival in Norway earlier this year, Skriverhaug said. But police raided their flats and found forged identity papers and equipment to make more.

Aftenposten, known for its excellent police and intelligence contacts, quoted unnamed sources as saying that the four Palestinians were active members of the Al Fatah faction of the PLO.

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Saudi king expresses hope for lasting peace

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (KUNA): King Fahd Bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia expressed hope that the ceasefire and direct talks between Iraq and Iran are "true and sincere beginnings" of permanent peace in the region.

The king's statement was read in the UN General Assembly yesterday by Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

The king also said he hopes these two developments indicate a "systematic change" in Iran's policy in the region.

The peace talks between the Iraqi and Iranian foreign ministers are to resume here today, under UN auspices.

Discussing Afghanistan, King Fahd said he deplores the reported violations of Pakistani airspace by the Kabul regime, and expressed appreciation to the Pakistani government for its humanitarian role in the conflict.

Turning to the question of Palestine and the Middle East, the king said it is clear that Israeli violence has only reinforced the Palestinians' determination.

"The logical result of the impossibility of things remaining as they are, is the need for movement toward change," the Saudi ruler said.

North-South

King Fahd also told the assembly as current chairman of the Gulf Co-operation Council he has sent messages to the leaders of the permanent member states of the Security Council saying that these developments require a re-evaluation of the situation in a more realistic way.

He called for the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East as the ideal means to reach a solution.

Turning to North-South rela-

tions, King Fahd said he deplores the continued deterioration of economic conditions in the developing countries.

He called upon the industrialised states to stop protectionist tendencies and eliminate the barriers they have established on their imports from developing states.

"It is clear that some industrialised states are seeking to deprive the developing countries of many of the trade preferences required by their development circumstances," King Fahd said.

While emphasising the importance of expediting debt relief measures for the developing countries, the king also stressed the importance of eliminating custom and administrative barriers, and of giving developing countries the opportunity to promote their exports to the industrialised states.

Sheikh Sabah to meet with Iranian minister

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 1. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said yesterday he will meet next week with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati.

The talks are expected to lead to improved relations between the two countries. Sheikh Sabah pointed out that Kuwait-Iranian relations have never been broken.

Eliminating

"The embassy is open and functioning. There is no problem between the two countries on the matter of diplomatic relations," Sheikh Sabah told KUNA following a meeting with British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe.

When asked about relations with Kuwait, Velayati said: "They're very good."

Velayati met with Howe earlier in the day, and the British Foreign Secretary announced

afterwards that the two countries decided to re-establish "full diplomatic representation."

Sheikh Sabah also met yesterday morning with Howe. He said they discussed the latest developments in the peace process between Iraq and Iran. Co-operation between the five permanent Security Council members and the secretary-general regarding implementation of Resolution 598 was also discussed.

"We will help in this matter through our contacts with the two parties and other countries to help find a way of eliminating any ambiguities between the parties," Sheikh Sabah said.

Asked specifically if the decision to resume full relations between Britain and Iran will help speed up the peace process, Sheikh Sabah said these relations could be useful in giving Britain more leverage to speed up the peace talks.

"Perhaps these relations will be useful to solve problems," Sheikh Sabah said.

Higher education law being prepared

A NEW draft law for higher education is being prepared to specify special functions of the Ministry of Education and its different institutions, according to the Minister of Higher Education, Dr. Ali Al Shamlan.

The official added that a decree was issued to annex Kuwait University and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training. Additionally, the Scholarships Department of the Ministry of Education will be annexed to the Ministry of Higher Education.

All institutes which students can enrol in after receiving the Secondary School Certificate are expected to be annexed to the Ministry of Higher Education. This will be achieved in co-ordination with different ministries

that supervise these institutes, Al Shamlan said.

The official said that his ministry will benefit from the experiences of other Arab countries that have ministries of higher education such as Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Visits and information exchanges between these countries are being planned, he added.

A project to establish a private university will be studied by all relevant authorities who will keep in mind Kuwait's needs and the social and economic development plans of the state. In this respect, the ministry is still searching for temporary facilities for another university. When completed, the study will be submitted to the Council of Ministers, Al Shamlan said.

US promises to study Amir's economic proposal

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 1. (KUNA): The US said it will "carefully study" the plan proposed on Wednesday by Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, in the General Assembly regarding the economic co-operation between North and South.

US Ambassador to the UN Vernon Walters told KUNA today "the Amir's proposal deserves a very serious study to see what are the best ways we can help the developing world."

The US, he said, has always been concerned about this relationship between North and South.

He said the US makes a very large contribution, about \$3 billion a year, to the developing nations.

"The Amir is a thoughtful, important person and we would certainly be glad to carefully study his proposal and its implications," Walters said.

"Anything the Amir proposes, we would certainly consider very seriously," he said.

Asked to comment on the Amir's proposal, the Foreign Minister of Morocco Abdelatif Al Filali told KUNA he is going to fully support it when he addresses the General Assembly next week.

Meanwhile, foreign ministers of the Group of 77 developing countries on Friday bailed the Amir's initiative.

Following their 12th annual meeting on Friday, the ministers expressed "deep appreciation and satisfaction" for the Amir's proposal.

The Amir said creditor countries should consider writing off

interest on their loans to debtor countries, and possibly forgo some payments of principal on loans to the poorest nations.

The ministers further welcomed the Amir's appeal to multinational financial institutions to reconsider their "stringent conditions" affecting countries seeking their help.

They also commended the proposal concerning human resources development through the expansion of scientific and technical transfers from the North to the South.

Protectionism

The meeting of the Group of 77 ministers ended with the adoption of a communique on the economic situation in the world and made some recommendations.

The officials expressed grave concern at the precarious condition of developing countries arising mainly from the acute debt burden, increasing protectionism, deteriorating terms of trade and continuous decline in the financial flows leading to a halt in the development process.

They criticised the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for insisting on strenuous adjustment efforts which have resulted in "unacceptably high social, political and economic costs."

Pointing to the current state of the world economy, the ministers stressed the urgent need to reactivate the dialogue between rich and poor countries.

The ministers called for a special session of the General Assembly devoted to the reactivation of economic growth and development in developing

countries. They want the session to be held at the highest possible levels and no later than 1990.

The current external debt of developing countries cannot be serviced under present economic conditions without leading to further deterioration, the ministers said.

They also called for a political solution based on shared responsibility of debtor and creditor countries, commercial banks and international financial institutions.

The ministers reiterated the need for convening an international conference on money and finance for development with universal participation.

Reform

The aim of such a conference would be to reform the international monetary and financial system to make it truly stable, multilateral, equitable and responsive to the development needs of the poorer countries.

They supported the creation of a committee of ministers to organise such a conference.

The ministers also noted with grave concern the continuing economic crisis in the less developed countries which are faced with the most formidable structural problems.

Despite the increased attention given to these countries by the international community, there has been significant deterioration in the overall social and economic situation of these countries in the 1980s.

Other less developed countries also suffered from natural disasters which have often reduced the potential of agricultural production, the ministers noted.

Agent sees brighter future for local real estate market

By Jadranka Porter

TWO months ago, Syed Banoori of the Boushahri Real Estate Est. received an interesting package. Two Kuwaiti houseowners who wished to rent out their properties sent Banoori the photographs of their houses for rent.

Banoori rejoiced, "I've been waiting for this for years."

While some agents who barely stayed afloat during the recession hope for an upsurge in the real estate business, Banoori worries about professional standards. He believes the two go hand-in-hand.

He would like to see the real estate agents in Kuwait adopt at least what are considered to be minimal requirements in markets with long history. This may have just started happening.

After nine years in the business during which he has dealt with some 2,000 landlords, the two who supplied him with the photographs have shown that they understand what real estate business is all about — service rather than just easy money, said Banoori.

Banoori has also managed to convince another five property owners to deal with one agent only.

This is a sizeable achievement in the market which knows few rules and regulations, and where landlords are anxious to make a fast rental deal with as many agents as possible. This causes confusion, with agents never being quite sure whether the property is still available. Clients are often taken to the same house by different agents, that is when the key, usually kept by the landlord, is available.

Contradictions

Kuwait's real estate market is full of contradictions. For example, when the market was booming there were few agents to handle the business. When the market slumped real estate offices mushroomed. The number is now running into hundreds, with many offices being just a one-man operation.

According to official reports there are some 30,000 empty flats in Kuwait. On the other hand, there are waiting lists for some

upmarket properties such as the Zahra residential complex where rents range from KD650 to KD850.

Most real estate agents are keen on having European clients. Few succeed, according to Banoori, who says 90 per cent of his clients are Europeans.

The Europeans are in demand because their housing allowances are comparatively high and they put practical considerations before luxury.

But they also demand a wide range of facilities and maintenance service, something one-man outfits cannot offer.

Variables

A number of property owners have set up real estate agencies to rent their own houses and flats. Among these are Sultan Real Estate which looks after the Zahra Complex and Kuwait Real Estate Investment Consortium which rents out flats in 14 buildings it owns.

The real estate agents are wary of making predictions about rent increases. Although the Iraq-Iran war is drawing to a close, there are still many variables that have to be determined at levels higher than the real estate business.

The expatriate workforce may increase but there is still an overabundance of flats, a situation which tends to lower rents. Most of the vacant flats are in the southern part of the country where the oil industry once employed a large number of foreigners.

New buildings are still springing up and the overabundance will be made worse if the government, which has taken possession of numerous residential buildings in the aftermath of the Souk Al Manakh crisis, puts these flats up for rent.

The past record of rent increases and falls offers no definite clues on future developments.

King Fahd to visit Sudan

KHARTOUM, Oct. 1. (AP): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has accepted a government invitation to visit Sudan, possibly during October, a newspaper reported today.

The bi-weekly Al Adwas newspaper said Sudanese officials were not commenting on the visit, but preparations are under way for receiving the Saudi monarch.

The paper said King Fahd promised that his next foreign visit will be to Sudan and that he hopes it "may be this month."

Sudan's Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi visited Riyadh in September.

When torrential rains in August triggered devastating floods in Sudan, Saudi Arabia sent its neighbour to the west more than 200 plane-loads of relief goods. The shipments amounted to around 60 per cent of total international aid to flood-devastated Sudan.

Saudi help also is prevalent in health and insect spraying campaigns.

King Fahd has initiated the formation of a Saudi fund for helping Sudan. He personally donated 30 million Saudi riyals (\$8 million). Donations from businessmen and various organisations were also collected.

Bangladeshi man found dead

POLICE were called to investigate the death of a Bangladeshi national inside his room at the money exchangers market in Mubarakia.

The victim identified as Mohammed Khalil Rahman was employed as a watchman. He was 35 years old, married with two children.

The body found by a friend was taken to the medical examiner for investigations. No further details were revealed.

Health service charges studied

A DRAFT bill to introduce health charges is about to be completed, according to the Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak.

However, the bill would not go into effect soon because the Ministry will be studying it to provide a comprehensive picture to state officials, he added.

Directors of health areas will be transferred from one health area to another during the coming few days. This move is to enhance and develop health services offered by different health areas in the country, the official said.

Residents complain of vandalism

A NUMBER of residents of Al Ardiya area have complained about their cars being broken into and valuables stolen.

A local newspaper interviewed owners of the damaged cars. The owners stressed the need for beefing up the security patrols in the area to prevent vandalism.

One man who had his car broken into said that the windshield and windows of his wife's car were smashed. He said a group of boys who habitually gather around and make themselves public nuisances are the culprits.

Another said that a teenager had earlier broken into his home and grabbed a plate of meat. He said he believes this act was not out of any true need.

Ministry investigates telephone complaints

THE Assistant Undersecretary for subscribers affairs at the Ministry of Communications, Khaled Al Houli, said that subscribers' complaints of extra charges for unmade calls constitute only one out of 1,000 of the total complaints lodged with the Ministry.

Investigations into these complaints always revealed that the calls were made through the same subscribers' lines, but the callers were either housemaids or neighbours, the official said.

To prevent this, the Ministry has developed new measures whereby the telephone distribution panels can be moved inside the home of the subscriber at their request, the assistant undersecretary said.

The shortage in lines at Farwaniya central was attributed to supplying Sabhan, Rai and other neighbouring areas with telephone lines from this central. The problem would soon be solved, he added.

He stressed the Ministry's efforts to curb nuisance calls and urged that these calls be reported to the ministry. Additionally, an application should be made to the Ministry to have the telephone lines under surveillance to enable the authorities to apprehend the culprits.

The Ministry is continually developing its services. With the ongoing administrative development process a number of services will be developed and upgraded, Al Houli said.



The Chinese Ambassador to Kuwait Guan Zi-Huai recently held a reception to celebrate his country's national day at the Holiday Inn hotel. Zi-Huai (right) is shown receiving the Malaysian Ambassador Zaini Al Abdin Bin Azlan.

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GOING PLACES

A fusion of north-south Indian dance culture

By Fathima Ahmed

A TALE in the Puranas, a 7th century Sanskrit book, tells the story of a king who wanted to learn icon-making to become a proper devotee. When the king went to a sage, he was asked to study painting, dance, instrumental music and vocal music before studying icon-making. The deceptively simple story reveals the basic nature of Indian art: that is linked to religious thought and is fundamentally inter-related in spirit, thought, content, form and technique.

This was, once again, seen at last week's two-day Indian classical dance festival held at the Indian Arts Circle.

In Kuwait, Indian dance forms are still in their infancy. Nubile girls, more than thousands, were told by IAC President M.M. Mathews, are training to join the ranks of exponents of classical dance. Some 100 children, from 12 dance groups, seem to be on their way to learn the art forms — both abhinaya (expressive dance) and pure dance. Pure dance simply displays the grace of a body in movement; abhinaya (expression) more often than not tells a story, undoubtedly based on mythology, legend or religion.

Simplified examples of both dance forms were presented by the eager, enthusiastic dancers who did their best to fuse the dance culture of the north and



Beena Sharma: kathak

south of India. To a degree, they succeeded in contrasting the sharp cultural anomaly prevalent in India. Yet, there was a distinct homogenous flavour — of being Indian, and a part of that culture. From the north came a riotous burst of soog and dance, as the bhanga

or ghidha performed by members of the Punjabi Cultural Society. And from the south we got the real taste of ancient dance, sedate but elegant grace and rhythm, in variations of mohiniyattam, bharatanatyam, oppana, jatiswaram, tillana and others.

The highspot of the festival was kathak (story telling), a dance which originated in temples, later blending two dance forms — Persian and Indian. In the 16th century kathak was absorbed by courtesans performing at Rajput and Mughal courts. At that time, critics say, kathak deteriorated from "pure art" to "pure entertainment." Whether it lost its purity is debatable but it certainly improved as an art: intricate foot movements, bhavam (facial expression) body movement and complex rhythm. In recent years, kathak is getting back some of its originality. "The outlook has changed and we are going back to traditionalism," says Beena Sharma, a kathak exponent who performed at the festival.

A pupil of Pandit Sundar Prasad-of the Jaipur Gharana (school) and Guru Devlal, Beena danced for 20 minutes



A Gujarati dance number. (Photos by Raed Outaina)

with poise and confidence. Her command of the fleeting foot movements as she spun and swirled, and facial expressions, were all the more remarkable because the dancer went on stage after an absence of 16 years. Mouths of intensive training in India seemed to have paid off for Beena.

A total of 39 dance items were presented at the two-day festival.

Members of the audience found some numbers rather tedious due to sheer length — some dances lasted more than 18 minutes — tiring the dancers and the audience. Several dances were also repeated — for example tillana, variations of which were presented four times on Friday night. Though the audience appreciated the effort of the performers, they felt that more variety was called for.

The festival was opened on Thursday by Indian Charge d'Affaires Atish Sinha. A traditional lamp was lit, setting the pace for the temple dances that followed after the one-hour speech-giving ceremony. The speakers, in addition to Sinha, included M.M. Mathews and Farook Abdul Aziz of the Kuwait Cine Club.

It was organised by the National Art Theatre of Indian's Abroad (Natia), bringing together rival dance groups on the same stage. As Sinha put it Natia "deserves



Lekha performing mohiniyattam credit "for uniting (if only for two nights) the active dance schools teaching ancient dancing skills to Indian children."



Dancers performing "kuchipudi".

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House

SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers

MONDAY/SATURDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert; at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

East meets West

OCT 6: IAC 6.30 pm: "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by passes: Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

Beat Show

OCT 14: IAC, Funitees, 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of on-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Guitar Recital

OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

THEATRE

Konkani Drama

OCT 7: IAC, Funitees, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximter?"; written and directed by Cajetan De Sanvordem. Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

KLT

OCT 6: Thursday, 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, at KLT, Ahmadi. Auditions for children to dance in the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

Bengali Play

OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm, Mousetrap Theatre. The Mousetrap Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballav Purer Rupkatha," a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr. Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

SOCIAL

Swedish Ladies

coffee afternoon OCT 4: 4 pm: Swedish Ladies coffee afternoon at the home of Kerstin Granander.

Danish Meeting

OCT 5: 8 pm. Daniella starts social season with a bingo game at the Gazelle club, TV Room. For reservations call Connie — 3715637; Lizzy — 3710478.

Video Workshop

OCT 5/10: Kuwait Players will hold two video workshops giving instruction and practice on their video system, used for recording stage productions; live editing console and sound mixing system. Members and newcomers welcome. Limited number of places. Tel: 5628227.

Kuwait Welsh Society

OCT 5: 8 pm. Kuwait Welsh Society social evening. For further details Tel: 3713467.

D'Aassil Association

OCT 7: Holy Family Cathedral, 8 am: D'Aassil Association's 8th annual thanksgiving mass. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin — 5746754 after 6 pm or Henry — 3291909 (am).

Goan Fiesta 88

OCT 13: 8.30 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel, Habiba Ballroom: Goan Fiesta 88 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For reservations phone Tom — 2421454; Wilson — 2416298; Tony — 3985040; Almeida — 4813740.

Fiasak/Kapiliku

OCT 22: SAS Hotel, The

Tent, 6 pm: Kapiliku and Fiasak will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna — 6534200; Florence — 2439451; Jojo — 9039593.

Colva Nite

OCT 27: 8.30 pm, MBH: Colva Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm)

Halloween Party

OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messilah Beach. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and pool fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

HOTELS

At the Maridien

La Brasserie: Thursday's Jam Session, foot tapping jazz music by Remy D'Mello; Family fun on Fridays; oriental buffet with music and video cartoons.

Versailles lunch and dinner — grilled seafood; meat or fish fondue; grilled salmon.

Al Wah: Thursday: Tony's jam session, music; good and lively atmosphere.

Friday: family brunch.

Piagan Tea Lounge: banana promotion; plus tea, coffee, refreshments and juices served in Oriental atmosphere of tea lounge.

At the Kuwait Plaza

Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; ice cream festival: light snacks served from 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Bosphorus Restaurant: Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

Marco Polo Restaurant: Italian food, live music and at night candlelit dinner.

At the SAS

Al Bustan: Pineapple fiesta, until Oct 14. Friday brunch for families, 11.30 am to 3 pm. Polish duo Danuta and Feliks provide music.

Peacock Room: new Chinese food menu introduced by chef Voo Kwee Kioog. It features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew out and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zohrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

SPORTS

SUNDAY/TUESDAY:

7.15 pm: Kuwait Nomads rugby players training; meet at the site of the Old Ground in Fintas. New members always welcome. For details ring Graham Adams — 4841296; Andy Hopkins — 5642599; Steve Hill — 5318060.

Windsurfing Regatta

OCT 7: MBH Windsurfing Regatta. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 5755960); Qabazard Maricoe (Tel: 5730442); Sultan Centers and Al Boom Marine (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext. 751/739.

Tug of War

Competition OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug of war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on 21/10 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

Boy's Own Club

OCT 22/23: Boy's Own Club will hold a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday. Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Laser Club

NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Iftah Ya Simsim
9.45 News followed by Good Morning

10.00 Darb Al Zalaq: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Abdul Hussaio Abdul Rida, Saad Al Faraj, Ali Mufeedi.

10.45 News Summary
11.00 Al Zaokalooni: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Rida, Athar Al Hakim, Laila Taher, Ahmad Abdul Waris.

12.00 Believe It or Not
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Close-down

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoon serial
5.15 Tum Tek and Children

KTV 2

5.45 Nazrat Alal Alam; cultural film
6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial, starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan.

7.00 News Summary
7.30 Songs and Music
7.45 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nuht: poetry session

8.30 Good Evening: daily roundup of local events.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Rayah Al Baidah: Arabic serial, starring Sana Jamil, Jamil Rateb, Samiya Al Alfi, Sayyed Ziyad.

10.45 Sandoog Aghani: a local variety show
11.35 News Summary
11.40 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Close-down.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thuodercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: a look at latest computer games.

7.00 Fire Raisers: new series for children.
7.30 Challenge: this series examines the natural and supernatural

8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors.
9.30 Hooperman: new police thriller.
10.00 She is the Sheriff: "Unsafe At Any Speed." The female sheriff of a town faces a challenging job.

10.30 Best-Seller.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Close-down

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

Ighthal Wa Darasah (Arabic)

Starring: Nahila Ohaid, Hashim Salim, Jahirin Al Salimiya

Secret Admirer
Starring: C. Thomas

Howell, Preston Kelly
Al Hamra

Al Police Al Nisai (Arabic)
Starring: Ilham Shabin, Hala Sudqi

Drive-In
Al Shawish Hussein

(Arabic)
Starring: Scott Glenn, Robert Webber

Al Firdous
Saamri 3-D (Hindi)

Starring: Rajan Sippy, Arti Gupta

Al Fahadeel
Circus Parade (Russian)

Fahadeel Open-Air

Aashiq Hun Baharon Ka (Hindi)

Al Jahra
Kabhi Kabhi (Hindi)

Granada
Aurat Ka Ineqam (Hindi)

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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THERE is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an idea whose time has come — Victor Hugo, French writer (1802-1885).

World applauds Amir's speech

FOR many years, there has not been an Arab figure on the United Nations platform like that of the Amir of Kuwait and chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

This Islamic and Arab personality won admiration and applause from the representatives of all nations through his address. Indeed, it was an extraordinary one. It began with an explanation of "In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious and Merciful", which signifies the fulfilment of a pledge and complete dependence on the power of Almighty Allah.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's words reflect the true face of Islam, which is one of tolerance and compassion. They also affirm Islam's awareness of hardship and struggle in the human condition and acknowledge the need of people for peaceful and secure living.

Through his address, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed wanted to tell the whole world that true Islam is vastly different from the distorted picture presented by its opponents.

It is not a religion of exploitation, nor is it a religion of disputes, fighting and terrorism. It is a religion of brotherhood and co-operation.

It is a religion of love and affection of man for his fellows wherever they are.

The entire world applauded Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's address because it clarified Islam and its principles. Such an explanation, delivered in straightforward language, is perhaps the first of its kind to be presented at the United Nations and is exactly what Islam's one billion followers have been waiting for, to rectify the unbalanced view the rest of the world has of the philosophy of Islam.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed's speech also earned acclaim for both himself and his country and furthermore presented practical solutions to such issues as the debt crisis.

There now remains the follow-up to the proposals in the address. If Kuwait, for example, succeeds in reducing debts in the Third World, it will also mean that it has succeeded in applying the message of Islam, which calls upon creditors not to pressure indebted parties.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah returned to Kuwait yesterday after having given a clear example of how a small country like Kuwait can present wise solutions to the world. Such solutions are all too obvious to others, but may nevertheless be ignored.

Our present world is one where big fish eat little fish, yet there is still talk of concern for human rights and equality among nations.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Poland unstable without Solidarity

By Eric Bourne

VIENNA: For the first time since 1980, Poles from government and opposition have talked — in Lech Walesa's old phrase — as "Poles to Poles" and managed to reach an agreement.

Despite the obstacles, it was inevitable. Moderates on both sides have said so for the past three years.

"Sooner or later we must talk ... Solidarity was a national movement. Sooner or later, the authorities will have to accept it," Walesa told this writer in August 1985. Subsequently, two senior government members said the same thing — privately.

But, at critical moments mutual intransigence always got in the way. Often the government was most to blame. Despite much evidence to the contrary, it kept up its pretence that Solidarity leader Walesa was an "ordinary private citizen" and leader of a "former trade union" with whom dealings were impossible.

But recent strikes by miners in the south and port workers in the north have driven home the point that there is no way to get Poland back on its feet without taking Solidarity into account.

So the government has done a U-turn, and Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak met with that "unperson" Lech Walesa. In its way, the meeting was as historic as when the government and Walesa reached the original Solidarity accord on Aug. 31, 1980.

Stoppages

The government desperately needed an end to stoppages sapping its export-vital coal-mining industry. But the workers wanted not just pay awards to match soaring prices but also — and unequivocally — the outlawed trade union's legal reinstatement.

Both sides won, in the sense that neither lost main objectives. The Solidarity leader subsequently called off the strikes — though not without difficulties with a post-1980 "second generation" of young militants — in return for a pledge that round-table discussions on the country's future will include that of Solidarity itself.

But whether the hope raised by this turn of events is longer than the euphoria attending

Solidarity's birth in 1980 remains to be seen.

Solidarity is a long way from legalization. Official unions, installed in Solidarity's place in 1982, claim 7 million members. Most members joined for social reasons, not out of political sympathy. Nonetheless, some unions do represent something. Moreover, they frequently have followed Solidarity's lead during times of unrest over prices and inflation.

Co-operation

If, however, the government is really serious, it should not be impossible to devise a "co-operation" formula acceptable to all parties.

The existing law itself stipulates union "independence." The proposed talks, General Kiszczak indicated, will be open to everyone, opposition or otherwise, who supports a "socialist" Poland. This was the 1980 stumbling block, when the authorities demanded Solidarity's recognition of the "leading role" of the Communist Party as well as the "socialist" Constitution.

But, with the lesson of eight disastrous years to remind Poles of the necessity of a modus vivendi between workers and the state, it should not now be impossible to find a "constitutional" agreement on an issue of clear national interest.

Nonetheless, it is already being asked: what will the Soviets say to the return of Solidarity? This writer and other observers in Poland have held firmly to a view that even former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev would have tolerated an independent trade union in Poland, so long as it stayed within the general "socialist" law. For 30 years, for example, the Soviets have accepted Poland's privatized agriculture and the immense latitude allowed its Roman Catholic Church.

Given Mikhail Gorbachev's new thinking about the East bloc's internal relations and his broadly laissez-faire line with Eastern Europe, a "Constitutional" Solidarity-type union is unlikely to cause him any great concern.

One thing is clear: Walesa is this time adamant in the demand for restoration.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Movements growing beyond reach of traditional national institutions

New approaches to international relations necessary

By David D. Newsom

WASHINGTON: In a world that may see movements growing beyond the reach of traditional national institutions, created out of the bitterness of nihilistic youth, and threats to the human condition beyond national boundaries, new approaches to international relations may be necessary. The struggle between the Soviet Union and the West may become less central as both camps look over their shoulders at circumstances outside their experience.

The United States has successfully maintained its position in the world without paying major attention to what others were saying or caring. As a Kenyan writer has said, "Americans have had their hearing aid turned off." The hearing aid has indeed been turned off — not only to what others were saying, but to much of what US diplomats have been

saying as well. Now potential trends of change, terrorism, disintegration, and violence no longer allow that luxury.

Defend

Despite a casual if not occasionally hostile national attitude toward diplomacy, the representatives of the US have established access and respect around the world. They have learned difficult languages and have become experts in newly important regions. They have negotiated difficult agreements in the national interest. They have explained and defended policies and rounded off the rough edges of unpopular US actions. But diplomacy cannot be totally separated from the attitudes and priorities of a nation. The reports of the most astute observer of a foreign scene are of little value if unread or discounted.

US diplomats must live with democracy's anomalies, explain

them, and enthusiastically defend them. The process can work; it has in the past. Diplomacy in American democracy will continue to be vulnerable to different voices, to the competition for credibility with a free press and legislature, and to the inefficient consultation on policies with fellow democracies. To recommend that these aspects be changed is to recommend the destruction of democracy.

If change is required, it must be in the attitude toward other nations and their interests on the part of the American people and leaders. In a world that may be increasingly chaotic and threatening, democratic leaders cannot afford illusions of influence where influence does not exist; they cannot afford the search for more comforting assessments when confronted with unpleasant news. The luxury of ideology, whether from the left or the right, cannot be

permitted to drive out an objective, professional approach to the conduct of relations with other countries. The issues are too serious.

The world is not prepared to tolerate indefinitely an insensitive and overbearing US just because of what the country may represent. The result will be less American influences on critical international issues, greater hostility for the US abroad, and less security for the nation.

Tolerate

Confronted with the prospect of serious reverses abroad, Americans like to suggest internal reorganizations of the policy process or a more strident information effort. These are not answers. The answer lies in policies that can be coherently explained and credibly defended. Diplomacy can then add the needed skills of implementation in the knowledge of other cultures, the skill of negotiation, the

art of persuasion, and the power to observe the report.

Diplomacy is neither a capricious luxury nor an outmoded anachronism; it is and must remain vital to the security of the nation. In a world growing ever more complex, the warning, the skills, and the advice of the diplomat are an indispensable insurance against disaster.

American diplomats must continue to listen to other societies, to sense the differences and the similarities. In so doing they can do what many Americans have so often done: convey an interest in another people, another culture, without losing the perspective of the outsider.

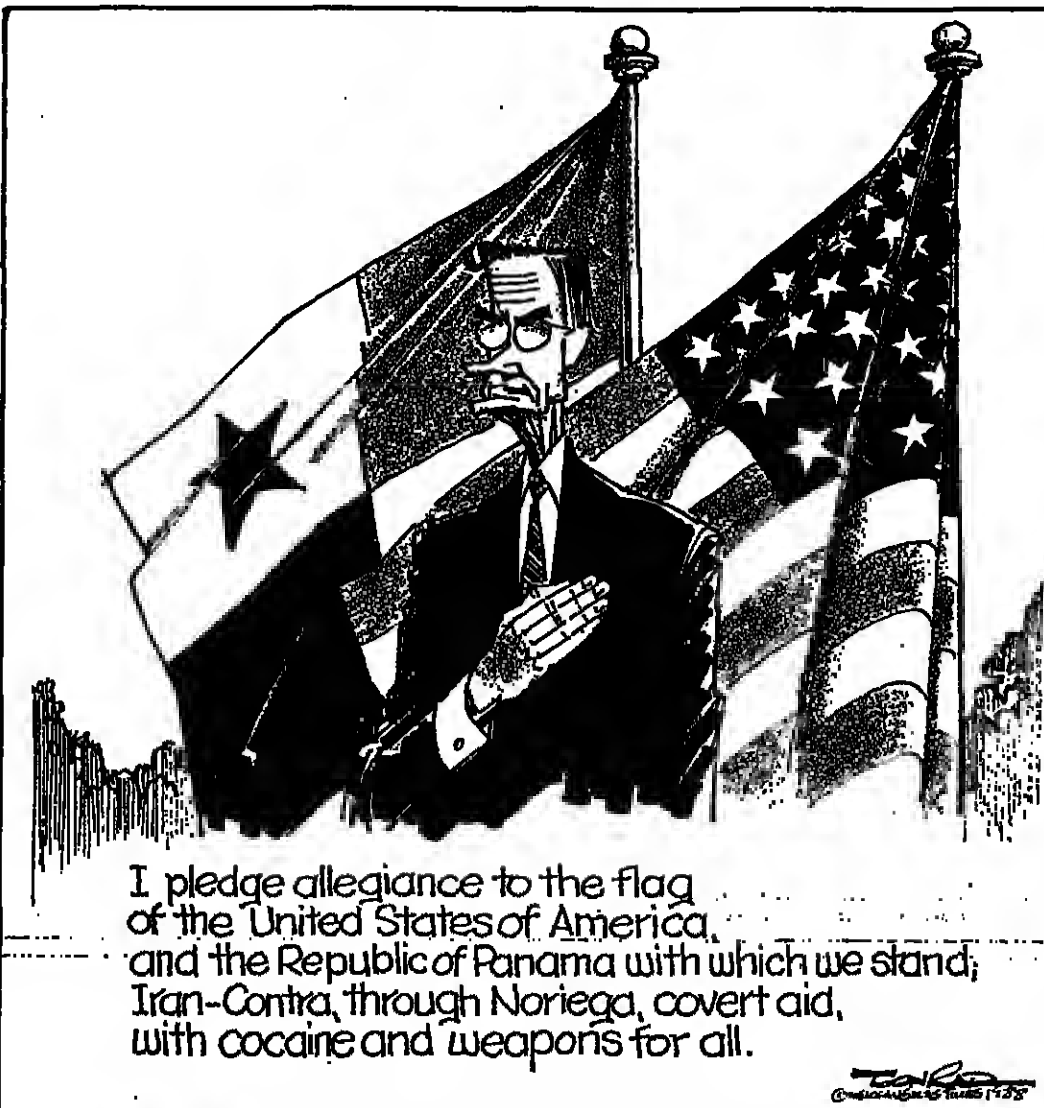
Erupt

More and more in the future, as the world occasionally erupts and fragments, the diplomat will need a balanced sense of those eruptions, the interests of the American nation involved, and the opportunities that may exist

to contribute to peace. Diplomatic adversaries will be tough, aggressive, devious, and resolute. The American diplomats will require even more patience and a stronger sense of perspective. Americans have, in the past, effectively demonstrated both.

Although major conflict has been avoided, the world today is far from friendly. The US must pursue its interests in an arena of both friends and adversaries, but with the knowledge that it still remains for the greater part of the world's people a symbol of hope and freedom. Leadership in Washington can create the policies that will give meaning to national objectives, but the implementation of those policies will depend upon the skills of men and women prepared to accept the responsibilities and the risks and to pursue the art of diplomacy.

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No longer in Reagan's shadow

Bush slashes away at Dukakis

By Michael Posner

OWENSBORO, Ky., (Reuter): Republican presidential candidate George Bush, who told his party's convention he wanted a "kinder, gentler nation," is attempting the country with slashing rhetoric regarded by many as nasty and negative.

Bush, out of Ronald Reagan's shadow for the first time in eight years, is no longer the hesitant and defensive vice-president often seen in other campaigns.

As he escalates the tone of his attacks on Democratic rival Michael Dukakis, branding the governor a "Massachusetts liberal" in a style that borders on name-calling, Bush is seeking to keep the focus off some of the Reagan administration's failings.

While trumpeting recent economic prosperity, the vice-president is blurring and brushing aside some of the country's key political and economic problems: the huge budget and trade deficits.

Such notable omissions led Barry Goldwater, the Republicans' 1964 presidential nominee, to gripe about Bush's approach.

In an appearance with Republican vice-presidential candidate Dan Quayle, Goldwater turned to the Indiana senator and gruffly urged: "Tell

George Bush to start talking about the issues."

Bush has surprised Democratic strategists who had been counting on the vice-president to hurt himself with the sort of fumbles and gaffes that have marked his earlier campaigns.

But on the stump, one sees a booming-voiced candidate aided at rallies in towns like this often filled with Democrats who deserted their party in 1980 and 1984 to back Reagan — by giant sound speakers that amplify his voice to the decibel level of a rock star.

His voice now seemingly louder and more assured, his message has been honed into a scathing attack on his foe's liberal credentials.

He also seems to have gained confidence since last Sunday's presidential debate, a match which most polls showed the two candidates finished about even and some said Dukakis won by a few points.

Bush has been acting before partisan crowds like he won it hands down, even though he admitted that immediately after the debate he believed it was only a draw.

"On the one hand, we have a vision of America that includes low taxes, a strong national defence, a tough approach to crime, opposition to gun control

and a belief in family values, that's what I stand for," Bush said here on Tuesday night before a riverside crowd of several thousand flag-waving supporters.

Bush has been on a tour of Southern and Midwestern towns courting conservative Democrats — the blue-collar workers who backed Reagan because they believed their party had abandoned them for a liberal agenda aimed at only the poor and blacks.

"On the other, you have the same old tired liberal agenda that got us in such a mess the last time it was tried," Bush said here in a bid to link Dukakis with former President Jimmy Carter, one of the least popular presidents in recent memory.

"You know, the fact is, my opponent's liberal crowd has a record of tax increases, of opposition to every major defence system, of weekend furloughs for first-degree murderers, and frankly, I don't think their policies and their values are in step with the majority of hard-working American people."

While on the attack, which has diverted much attention from national issues, Bush has effectively sidestepped some of the major concerns of the nation.

He rarely mentions the budget deficit that has been at record levels throughout Reagan's presidency.

By Kurt M. Campbell

WASHINGTON: Mikhail Gorbachev's drive to forge the Soviet state into a modern society marks the decline of the contiguous and internal Soviet empire.

The internal nationalities conquered by the Bolsheviks and the Eastern European satellites secured by Stalin are all beginning to test the lack in the system created by glasnost. Conservative Kremlin planners fear that isolated incidents of unrest or acts of Soviet restraint could trigger trouble elsewhere. The Soviets now face labour unrest in Poland, ethnic rivalry between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and military humiliation in Afghanistan; these could act as catalysts for unrest in the Soviet Union and East Europe.

In this brave new world of perestroika, communist rule — until now the immovable object of this century — has collided with the concept of self-determination, the irresistible force of our time. Nationalist revolt has struck behind the Iron Curtain and fundamental changes are on

Soviet nationalities test slackness in glasnost

the horizon.

Traditionally, the Soviets have proudly sponsored anticolonial movements in the Third World while clamping the lid on any stirring sense of nationhood within their own country or sphere of influence. But the very decolonization process sought by Lenin for the empires of the West is now under way inside the hidden empires of the East.

Tanks

Gorbachev's gerontocratic predecessors deployed tanks and troops to put down displays of defiance in Eastern Europe. After the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, Leonid Brezhnev outlined a draconian doctrine of socialist intervention. Gorbachev's new approach to Eastern Europe includes a pledge not to use force against other socialist states. Yet the acute problems between the Soviets and their satellites — economic dislocation, generational leadership change, and resurgent nationalism — will severely test Gorbachev's pledge of non-interference.

Soviet empire problems do not end in Eastern Europe; they reach inside the USSR. The Soviets are the inheritors of a domestic patchwork of nationalities that have chafed under Russian rule since the time of the czars. To the west of Moscow, the Baltic states see the under Soviet domination, ever resentful of the pact between Hitler and Stalin which consigned their independence to the dusty pages of bourgeois histories.

Far south from the Kremlin corridors of power are the suddenly explosive communities of Orthodox Armenians and Islamic Azerbaijanis in the Caucasus. Following the border case are the Muslim republics of Central Asia, where populations and religious fervor are multiplying. These nationalities are attempting to ride the domestic wave of perestroika toward greater autonomy, and in some cases independence.

No Soviet leader would willingly preside over the complete separation of Eastern Europe from the Soviet Union or the dismemberment of the internal empire.

Openness

Yet the contradictions in Gorbachev's call for openness and the prime directive to maintain order will be most acutely felt in Soviet relations with the socialist commonwealth. Currently, disgruntled Czechs and dissatisfied Armenians look to Gorbachev as a saviour, while conservatives in Moscow and in Eastern Europe are fearful that he will set off a chain of ethnic disturbances and nationalist uprisings that will shake the very foundations of Soviet power.

Gorbachev faces the ultimate prospect of a domino-theory-like process sweeping through the Soviet empire, in which Soviet concessions toward one group will be viewed as a vulnerability and an opportunity by another. A perceptible concern

among Soviet policymakers is that the defeat of the Red Army in Afghanistan will trigger defiance in Poland, in Romania, or at home. Gorbachev would then have to choose between sending in the tanks or not, between alienating the ethnic hopeful or the Kremlin hard-liners. Either choice could mark the end of his ambitious campaign to "give socialism a second wind."

Dominance

The Soviet dominance of Eastern Europe and control of a domestic empire of separate nationalities exist as modern anachronisms in an age of national liberation and self-determination. It is hard to see how the Soviets can forever put off the process of empire-shedding faced by all great European powers.

In this election year, Americans have been hotly debating the purported decline of the American empire. Yet, the



Mikhail Gorbachev

stuff of the modern American empire — competitive exports, the size of the national debt, and a handful of foreign bases — pales in comparison with the challenges of the Soviet empire. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

West Germans against NATO exercises

By Thalia Griffiths

SCHWABEBISCH HALL, West Germany, (Reuter): NATO public relations officers are working overtime to convince West Germans — many bitter after an air show disaster at an American base at Ramstein in August — that military manoeuvres are worth the damage they cause.

For several weeks each year, the Western alliance's autumn exercises swamp West German motorways with tanks and its air space with planes, prompting protests about damage and disturbance.

This year, Hesse state Christian Democrat deputy Dieter Weirich said in a letter to Defence Minister Rupert Scholz he believed the exercises had been an excuse for "vandalism."

And two Bavarian opposition deputies called them "terror on the roads," demanding the state government supply full details of damage, which is never given.

Destroyed

In two of this year's more serious incidents, a bridge was destroyed by the weight of tanks driving over it and a truck knocked down a house. Most

harm, however, is minor, caused by heavy armoured vehicles which rut fields and damage road edges.

During September, 125,000 NATO troops from six countries fought a 10-day simulated war in the rolling countryside around this southern German town, supported by US and West German Air Force planes flying a total of 2,800 sorties.

The exercises were part of the annual autumn reformation series, designed to test how quickly the United States could rush forces to the European front line in a crisis.

Tragedy

Organisers say this year's exercise is the largest ever held but, as a result of greater caution, has been one of the least destructive. "Manoeuvre damage is a very sensitive issue," public relations officer Major Larry Shea told Reuters. "We're not here to tear up Germany, we're actually here to prevent that from happening. We want to be able to come back next year."

Ramstein was a great tragedy and one that has made us very sensitive to accidents on the ground and in the air," the exercise's Commander-in-Chief

General Crosbie Saint said.

A total of 67 people were killed when three Italian Air Force jets collided during an airshow at the Ramstein US airbase on Aug 28, sending one plane plunging ablaze into the crowd.

Low level flights were banned for a 40-nautical-mile radius round Ramstein during a recent air force exercise, partly to appease opposition parties and local governments who had called for them to be banned, or at least cut.

The Ramstein disaster prompted a stream of often angry statements from politicians and in the media, suggesting that the West German government was allowing allied forces to ride roughshod over local people.

Damage

The Americans say troops need to train and certain amount of damage during operations is inevitable. "A lot of work is done educating soldiers to avoid causing damage," Shea said.

Each soldier is issued with a card showing the cost of different types of damage, from 100 marks (\$54) for a single kerbstone to 50 marks (\$27) for 100 square metres (927 square feet) of land under cultivation.

According to Manoeuvre Damage Control Centre (MDCC) statistics, 56 per cent of damage control reports come from the soldiers responsible and only six per cent from civilians.

In order to prevent damage to the mediaeval walled town of Rothenburg, "off limits" signs have been put up. Guards have been posted at the town's gates to run back military vehicles that would damage the picturesque half-timbered houses and cobbled streets.

Local residents say the biggest nuisance comes from aircraft noise and slow-moving vehicles blocking the roads.

"I don't see the need for the exercises," Schwabebisch Hall shopkeeper Wolfgang Krauss said.

"I think if it came to war they would be sending nuclear missiles, not fighting on our fields. No-one does anything against it, though. Most people find the planes and tanks a nuisance but they put up with it," he said.

Another local resident, Susann Robert, said: "The manoeuvres are expensive and they damage the environment. But since they're here I suppose they have to keep busy somehow."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1492 — England's King Henry VII invades France, concerned over the power of Charles VIII following union with Brittany.

1518 — Cardinal Wolsey devises Peace of London between England, France, Emperor Maximilian I, Spain and the Papacy.

1804 — England's populace is mobilized to resist invasion attempt by Napoleon Bonaparte.

1823 — Spain's King Ferdinand VII, restored by French who have crushed Spanish rebellion, issues decree for execution of his enemies.

1870 — Rome is made capital of Italy.

1889 — First Pan American conference is held in Washington, DC.

1924 — League of Nations adopts Geneva protocol for peaceful settlement of international disputes.

1932 — Lytton report on Manchuria to League of Nations recognises Japan's special interests and recommends autonomous state under Chinese sovereignty but Japanese control.

1934 — Royal Indian Navy is formed.

1940 — HMS Empress of Britain, carrying child war refugees to Canada, is sunk during World War II.

1941 — German Army launches all-out drive against Moscow in World War II.

1952 — Chinese government holds "Asia and Pacific area" peace conference in Beijing.

1974 — China, in United Nations, hails Arab use of oil as weapon, with minister saying it will help Third World struggle against imperialism.

1977 — Israel rejects joint US-Soviet declaration on aims of proposed Middle East peace conference.

1984 — Indian authorities tighten security to thwart attempts by Sikh separatists to invade Golden Temple in Sikh holy city of Amritsar.

1987 — Chinese police shoot and kill at least three Tibetan protesters in Chengdu when about 2,000 Tibetans demanding independence attack police station.

Carbon-dating test results awaited by Vatican

Is the Turin Shroud a fake?

By Terry Leonard

ROME, (AP): A few weeks from now, scientists may be ready to resolve a debate that has raged for centuries: could a piece of cloth bearing the faint, blood-stained image of a whipped and crucified man be the burial shroud of Jesus Christ?

Believers have long maintained that the linen, which is kept in the Cathedral of San Giovanni in Turin, is Jesus' burial cloth.

Others dismiss it as a clever forgery. The shroud made headlines in late summer when a Cambridge University professor contended that recent tests at Oxford proved the cloth was a fraud.

But the office of the Archbishop of Turin quickly cautioned that the results aren't in yet from the latest round of testing. Scientists say the tests can't prove that the shroud belonged to Jesus, but they could show conclusively whether the shroud is from a completely different historical period and therefore had nothing to do with Christ.

Officials at the Vatican say it could be only a few weeks before they receive the results of the scientists' carbon-14 testing of snippets of the shroud.

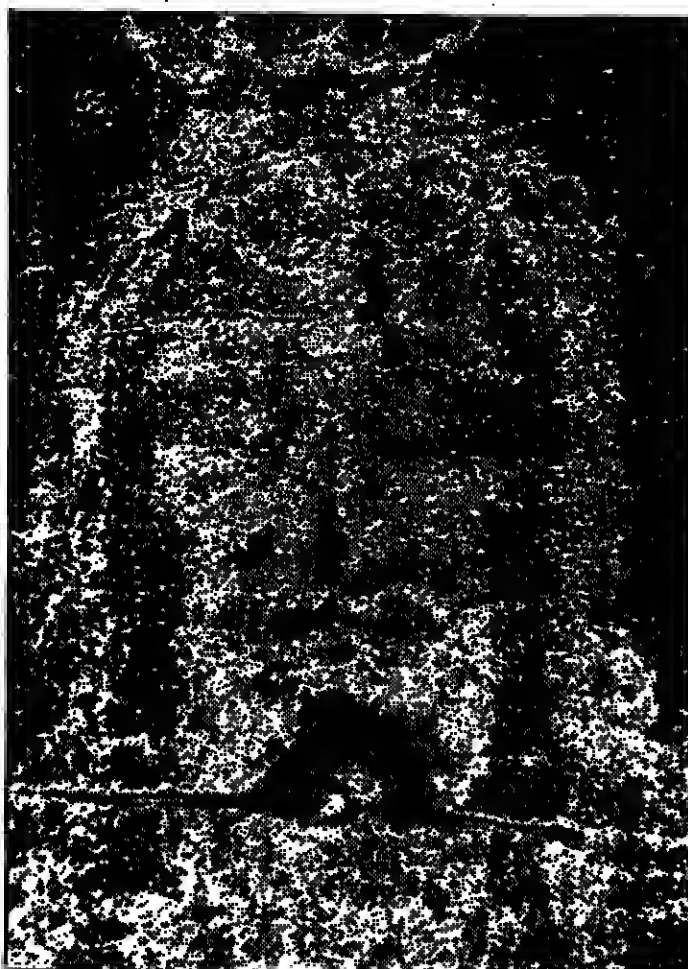
Claim

The Roman Catholic church does not claim the shroud as a holy relic and says that even a result showing it to be about 2,000 years old would not prove the image is that of Jesus.

"Of course we would like very much for there to be a high probability that this is the burial cloth of Jesus, but if it does not turn out to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ we won't love Jesus less or believe in him less," said Professor Luigi Gonella, the scientific advisor to the Archbishop of Turin.

Gonella said in an interview that the church considers the shroud a "cherished object" and treats it with respect because it could be genuine.

"The church understands it will never know if it is the actual burial cloth of Jesus," Gonella



The face on the shroud: clever forgery or the image of Christ?

said earlier. "The church is aware there is a big historical gap, and it is also aware this historical gap will never be filled satisfactorily."

He said the church will release the scientists' findings as quickly as possible through the Vatican press office.

The shroud, 14 feet 3 inches (434 centimetres) long and 3 feet 7 inches (109 centimetres) wide, bears a faint yellowish image of both the front and back of a man's body. Blood stains are visible around the wrists, forearms and head. These recall Biblical descriptions of the wounds of Christ, who, the New Testament says, was whipped, crowned with a garland of thorns, nailed to a cross and speared.

lifted from a silver chest on an altar of Turin's cathedral. Removed from its red silk wrapping, it was carefully stretched out under the watchful eyes of Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero, the Archbishop of Turin, while a small piece was snipped from the cloth.

The 0.4 inch-by-2.8 inch (1 centimetre-by-7-centimetre) strip was then cut into three smaller pieces for the laboratories chosen to conduct the carbon-14 tests: Oxford, the University of Arizona in the United States and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at the University of Zurich.

In late August, Richard Luckett of Cambridge University contended that the Oxford tests showed the shroud was a forgery.

But Professor Edward Hall, director of the archaeology research laboratory at Oxford, said Luckett was only guessing and that the results of the testing were still secret.

Said Gonella: "We are very annoyed ... I have never been involved in a scientific venture where so much attention was paid to publicity ... where a professor at one university is commenting on the results of work being done at another university."

"We are very annoyed because, with the publicity, people think we already know the results, that we are not telling because we are writing a theological response. We don't know the results," he said.

The tests were conducted as a triple-blind study, with each lab getting one piece of the shroud and another piece of cloth of a known age. The labs were not to know which was which, but the shroud has a distinctive herringbone pattern that might be detected if the pieces were examined closely before they were used in the test.

French crusader Robert of Clari mentioned seeing the shroud in 1203 in Constantinople at the imperial palace, but the first actual record of the cloth traces it to Lirey, France, in 1354.

On April 21, the shroud was



Maternal bond: the Duchess of York with Princess Beatrice, fifth in line to the British throne.

By Gregory Jensen

LONDON, (UPI): Fergie calls her "Beetroot," which is a highly informal way of saying that the Duchess of York has given her new princess a nickname typical of her breezy style.

It is barely conceivable that weeks-old Princess Beatrice of York—born Aug. 8—could be Britain's queen some day. She is fifth in line to the throne. But her red-haired mother, the irrepressible former Sarah Ferguson, never stands on ceremony.

"Oh, you mean little Beetroot," she said the other day when the Rev. David Bush asked about Beatrice's health at a wedding Fergie attended. "She's fine."

The beet-coloured princess—Fergie didn't say if the nickname comes from her hair colour or the shade she turns when she cries—is also getting used to being left with only nanny Alison Wardley's company.

The baby's father, Prince Andrew, flew back to his Royal Navy ship in the Pacific only 15 days after Beatrice's birth. His "compassionate leave" was just long enough to take the new baby's official photographs and bestow the names Beatrice Elizabeth Mary.

"Fergie," as the Duchess of York is still universally called, had to register the birth herself

After Duchess Fergie, it's princess beetroot!

— which she didn't do until Sept. 12, when Beatrice was 36 days old, six days before the legal limit.

Naturally she did so unconventionally.

"Step into my bedroom, please," she told startled registrar Sheila Kettle.

"I've registered births in some pretty weird places, but this beat the lot," said Kettle.

"I was expecting to complete the form in an office, not an intimate royal bedroom," Fergie spread out the official form on a small dressing table beside a bed covered in fluffy toys.

"I was asked into the bedroom because her sitting room was full of what appeared to be fashion experts," Kettle said.

Inadvertently she had interrupted preparations for a tour of Australia which the Duchess is now undertaking with Andrew—but without Beatrice.

Some British newspaper said Fergie and Andrew argued about taking the baby on the 10-day Australian tour. She said yes, he said no, according to these gossipy reports.

The decision was "no." But Fergie "aims to keep in touch with every gurgle and coo"

from the baby Princess at each stop on the tour, says one gossip columnist.

"In addition to carefully timed phone calls when the baby Yorklet will be held up to the receiver," said columnist Ross Benson, "Nanny Wardley has been given careful tuition in how to use Prince Andrew's much-prized video camera to record ... every hubble the mite blows."

The resulting videos will be flown to Australia in diplomatic bags.

The Duchess also left Beatrice behind when she flew to London on a sad occasion the other day—the retirement of her father, Maj. Ronald Ferguson, as deputy chairman of the Guards Polo Club.

Fergie, in her first public engagement since the birth, presented an inscribed polo mallet to her father, joined three cheers in his honour and looked on in concern as the ceremony reduced him to tears.

Gossip said Ferguson, 56, was fired from the \$48,000-a-year job he held for eight years because of a much-exaggerated touch of scandal earlier this year over his visits to a "massage parlor."

"I have not resigned," Fer-

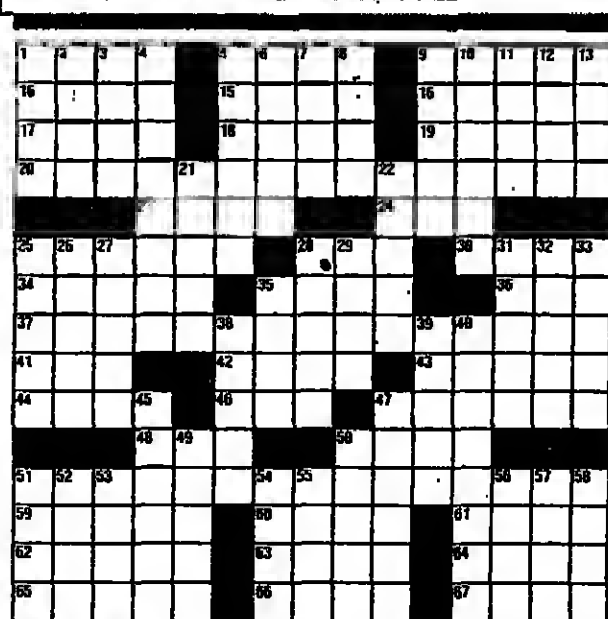
guson insisted. "I have not been sacked but I was not re-elected as deputy chairman and was not prepared to accept the alternative position." He said he was "very sad and extremely angry" at the manner of his departure from running the club he joined in 1955.

Britain's royalty-doting newspapers were quick to note the Duchess, "looking slim in a tight-waisted skirt and jacket," guson insisted. "I have not been sacked but I was not re-elected as deputy chairman and was not prepared to accept the alternative position." He said he was "very sad and extremely angry" at the manner of his departure from running the club he joined in 1955.

With her new daughter, Fergie has been sharing the royal family's annual vacation at Balmoral, Queen Elizabeth's privately owned Scottish estate. Royal gossips said Fergie was much cheered after Andrew's return to duty when "best friend" Diana swallowed her dislike of Balmoral and joined the house party.

Fergie left Beatrice in the care of Diana, the mother of two, when she flew to London for her father's Windsor ceremony.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQS ♥KQJ543 ♦AS ♣3

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
Pass 1 ♠ ?

What action do you take?
A.—Since partner is a passed hand, you should suppress any slam ambitions you might have had. As a matter of fact, the opponents could have a reasonably cheap sacrifice, and you might not even have a game. All in all, a jump to four hearts does your hand justice.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K7 ♥K1074 ♦AKJ5 ♣K63

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?
A.—It's a close decision between one no trump and double. With only one stopper in the enemy suit and the ability to play in any one of the other three suits, we prefer a takeout double.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K7 ♥K107 ♦AKJ54 ♣K63

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?
A.—This time your choice is between one no trump and two diamonds. If you do have a game, it's more likely to be in no trump, where you need only nine tricks, than in diamonds, where you have to take 11. Bid one no trump.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AQJ54 ♥AQ93 ♦A102 ♣5

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Partner doesn't seem to be very enthusiastic about your bidding, but that doesn't mean that you should give up all hope of slam. Complete the picture of your hand by showing your diamond fragment and highlighting your club shortness. Bid three diamonds.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K1065 ♥A1054 ♦A963 ♣7

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ DB ?

What action do you take?
A.—There are those who believe that a redouble in this situation denies support for partner's suit. We do not agree. Our philosophy is that you show all good hands with a redouble. If your hand includes support for partner's suit, you will show it on the next round.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠J9652 ♥AKJ63 ♦5 ♠AS

Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?
A.—With two five-card suits, it is correct to respond in the higher-ranking first and then bid the lower-ranking suit twice—that guarantees at least 10 cards in the two suits. So respond one spade. Don't let the difference in the quality of the suits tempt you into making an incorrect response.



"You're drunk, Rex! That's the third wrong house you've taken me home to!"

"You managed to spot me, then?"

"I don't care if someone DOES pinch it! That gnome is not going with us!"

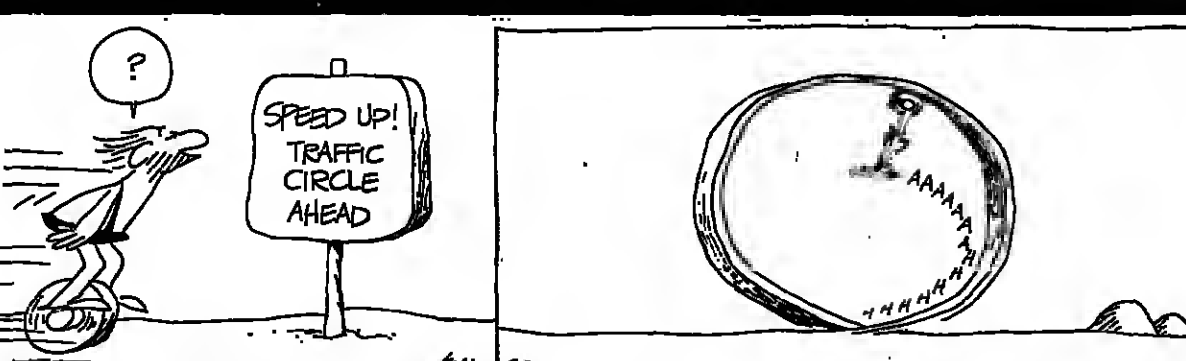
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will find it easier to do what has to be done. You will have to curb a tendency towards impulsiveness. You will know how to effect a better balance between reason and emotion. Be prudent.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>This will be a very satisfying but also quite a tense day for you. You should do your best not to get into an argument. Have a little more patience. Be just.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You will be able to consolidate something you have gained recently. You should try to become more aware of what is on your partner's mind. A liability to spend more than you can afford should be curbed. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You should make sure you do not do anything which might upset your partner. You should not expect others always to agree with you. Look on the bright side and think the best, not the worst, of others. Be more tolerant.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You should try to spend the day taking it easy, keeping your mind off work. You will have something to be pleased about. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be cordial.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>This is going to be a good day for you. You will be able to check where you are going and whether you are going the right way about it. Others will be more inclined to listen to what you are saying. Be generous.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will be able to view things from a different aspect. You will be better able to maintain your equilibrium. You should avoid eating or drinking more than you know is good for you. Be understanding.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You should avoid doing anything too outrageous and you should not expect others to accept everything that you say or do. Make sure you do not drive as though you owned the road.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>This is going to be a pleasing day for you. Make sure you do not spend as if you were made of money. Look out for careless drivers, particularly one who has lost his way. Be sincere.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You will feel in a rather better mood and this will affect others' attitude towards you too. An old friend will make an appearance on the scene. You should spend a little more time with your family. Be resilient.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You should take a little better care of your health. You will be able to sort out a rather complicated personal situation. A friend will appreciate the sympathy you are showing towards him. Be firm.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will be better able to face the facts. You will have more faith in yourself and what you are doing. You should avoid saying one thing and then doing quite another. Be courteous.</p>

SNIPPETS

US asked to foot bill for AIDS victims

THE General Assembly Binding Women for Reform, Integrity, Equality, Leadership and Action (Gabriela) demanded payment by the United States to hospitalize AIDS victims in Angeles City and Olongapo City, who have become sick with AIDS.

Gabriela leaders Nelia Sanchez, Laraine Sarmiento, and Sylvia dela Paz cited statistics by the Department of Health showing that there are now 79 cases of AIDS in the country, 49 of whom are women working as entertainers for US servicemen.

The coalition of 101 women organizations all over the country picketed the DOH building last week to air its demands.

Gabriela said the Aquino government in the ongoing review of the RP-US Military Bases Agreement (MBA).

In a dialogue last week with Gabriela leaders, Health Secretary Alfredo Bengzon and Dr. Manuel Dayrit said there is an impasse on the issue of AIDS at the MBA talks.

Bengzon said the US panel in the talks refused to commit any payment of the health cost and material support for Filipino AIDS victims because it would mean open admission of the claim that US servicemen are responsible for the entry of the AIDS virus into the country.

Sancho called on the public to press the government to be firm on the AIDS issue at the bases review talks.

She added that while the government should pursue the indemnification for AIDS victims in the talks, the US military bases should not be allowed to stay beyond 1991.

Cash benefits for government employees

THE Government Service Insurance System has set aside P65.5 million as cash benefits and dividends to some 1.3 million government employees before Christmas.

Approved by the GSIS Board of Trustees under Resolution No. 326, the cash benefits will go to all GSIS policyholders whose life insurance coverage, whether compulsory or optional, has been in force for at least the year as of Dec 31, 1987. Members of the Armed Forces and the judiciary are also entitled to the dividends.

Feliciano Belmonte Jr., GSIS president and general manager, said the declaration of cash dividends was the "icing" on a rich package of benefits accorded to GSIS members this year.

Inflation up 10.8 per cent in Metro Manila

INFLATION climbed to 9.3 per cent in the second quarter of this year due to consumer demand and the effects of a severe drought that struck parts of the Philippines last year, the Central Bank reported.

The consumer price index stood at 8.9 per cent in the first quarter of 1988, the bank said in a report sent Monday to President Aquino and released Wednesday.

The bank said the inflation rate in Metro Manila climbed to 10.8 per cent during the second quarter because of higher food prices.

In the report, the bank noted the second quarter increase was considerably higher than the 2.7 per cent increase in the inflation rate recorded during the same period in 1987.

Game-fixing racket in professional basketball

By Jun Ramirez

THE National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) confirmed last week in the House of Representatives the existence of game-fixing in professional basketball games of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA).

But Purefoods officials denied speculations that they benched the team's star player Ramon Fernandez because of the racket.

An NBI official and Purefoods executives testified at a hearing conducted by the House committee on games and amusement in connection with House Bill No. 2093 which seeks to impose stiff penalties on players and other persons engaged in game-fixing, point shaving, and other manipulations of games' results.

Lawyer Santiago Toledo, head of the NBI anti-organized

Lack of co-operation stalls investigation into human rights abuses

By Glenda M. Gloria

INVESTIGATION of most cases of human rights abuses committed during the 20-year term of deposed President Marcos have been stalled by the lack of supporting documents and the failure of affected parties to co-operate, according to the Commission on Human Rights (CHR).

CHR Commissioner Hesiquio R. Mallillin has reported that 998 of 1,463 human rights cases before the commission are "inactive" and cannot be prosecuted.

The status of the cases was contained in a recent report Mallillin submitted to the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific (LAWASIA). Copies of the report were given to newsmen by Supreme Court Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan.

Mallillin said the reported cases of human rights abuses during the previous administration ranged from "salvaging" (summary execution), massacre and hamstringing by military men in areas affected by the communist insurgency.

The investigation of these cases could not be finished since "parties involved could not be

located and had not been replying to various communications sent by the commission," Mallillin said in his report.

LAWASIA is an organization of lawyers in Asia and the Western Pacific region concerned with the protection of human rights.

Lack of documents and co-operation from witnesses is just one of eight major problems hampering the operations of the CHR, Mallillin said.

He said another major obstacle to giving speedy justice to the victims is the commission's inability to prosecute cases since it is not vested with such powers.

The CHR has urged Congress to pass a bill giving the commission the power to prosecute cases of human rights violations. Unless this is done, Mallillin added, the CHR's ability to assist victims will be "essentially weak and insufficient."

Mallillin also urged the government to support the programmes of the commission by increasing its budget.

This will allow the commission to spend more for the rehabilitation and security of victims and witnesses in human rights cases, he said.



Exhumed bodies of suspected victims of the Marcos regime.

US bias in textbooks

IF school pupils were surveyed today, it would shock most parents to know that their children would rather be Americans than Filipinos.

Rep. Renato Yap (PDP, Quezon City) said recent surveys conducted by the University of the Philippines and other groups yield this startling finding.

"I blame it on the history books," said Yap, who has been pushing the House of Representatives to take a radical step and order the rewriting of Philippine history through the revision of Philippine textbooks.

The Yap-sponsored Resolution No. 691 is pending before the House Committee on Education and Culture.

Yap said he already consulted several historians both here and abroad, and said he is confident that if Congress decides to pursue the revision of Philippine history, "it can be done in a year or two."

The Congressman, one of the youngest members of the house, said most of the textbooks used by school children today are heavily inspired by American writers whom he said "turned the early part of our history in such a way that it has been distorted, towards a US bias."

"The younger generation, even the present crop of Filipinos, tend to believe that we acquired our sense of moral values only when the Americans came," Yap said.

Imelda's fake paintings

HONG KONG: Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos' collection of 75 old master paintings currently exhibited at Manila Museum are fakes, the Far Eastern Economic Review says in its latest edition.

The paintings are said to be by Titian, Canaletto, Bellini and Botticelli of the Italian renaissance period, the Hong Kong-based regional weekly said.

"Curators and art experts have dismissed the paintings as bogus, but they are still exhibited as authentic because the government has never arranged for a formal evaluation of the collection," the report from Manila said.

Mrs. Marcos "often was duped, hoodwinked by dealers," it said.

AFP

Marcos' 71st birthday bash — more of a three-ring circus

By Belinda Aquino

WHILE the Philippine bureaucracy is in a tizzy trying to keep Marcos out of the country, he is on the offensive in Honolulu demanding his right to return to Manila.

The scene is vintage Marcos. A seven-hour extravaganza of Polynesian and Filipino entertainment punctuated by the still powerful voice of Bert Nievera, a sometime Honolulu resident, Cecile Licad, the piano genius, was also there, but, according to reports, she did not seem enthusiastic about playing for the Marcoses.

The organizers of the event had hoped to import Sharon Cuneta to do the honours on Marcos' 71st birthday. She didn't show. The bash was widely covered by the Honolulu media as usual. The joke here is that everytime Marcos sneezes, he lands in the newspapers.

Actually his birthday bash was more like a three-ring circus. The teases and court jester was inveterate Marcos loyalist Joe Lazo, self-proclaimed president of Friends of Marcos. Lazo, who drives a Rolls-Royce, was a frequent visitor in Malacanang when Marcos was in power. He runs a travel agency in Kalihi, Honolulu's Filipino Town. Since the Marcoses got dumped on Hawaii in exile, Lazo has become a glorified errand boy. He occasionally serves as a Marcos spokesperson, a role he shares with other Marcos aides, Arturo Ariza and Gemmo Trinidad.

Just watching these underlings compete for the attention of the Marcoses gives you a dimension of the politics of exile. Lazo promised to deliver 8,000

bodies to the Blaisdell arena to pay tribute to Marcos, but he managed only 3,100, according to the papers. By the time Marcos made his speech five hours later, the crowd had considerably dwindled.

To add flavour to the circus, Lazo concocted a theme: Philippine-American friendship. He said the occasion was meant to be a tribute to the friendship between the US and the Philippines. Dripping with 19th century rhetoric, he intoned: "We strongly believe America is man's only hope for liberty."

The second party in the three-ring circus, Imelda, looking ready to cry as usual, gave a rousing speech in Tagalog. She thanked the predominantly Ilocano crowd profusely for their continuing support of the Marcoses in exile.

Shifting to English, she reacted strongly to the "hidden wealth" issue. "The hidden wealth in Marcos is in his heart and in his mind." A typical Imelda aphorism.

The spotlight, of course, was on the ring leader, Marcos, in his usual ill-fitting three-piece suit. There was no explanation why it took him several hours to appear before his anxious well-wishers. But he acknowledged that he is "weak now because I have been driven out of my country. But we shall return and we will meet them on even ground." It sounded like a threat, but he vowed that his "return" would not be marked by any violence.

He passed around a monograph called "Trilogy for the Transformation of Philippine Society." It is a reshuffle of his past propaganda on "the Filipino ideology" ghostwritten for him

by such people as Nilo Tayag. Blistering over the accusations of plundering the country, he told the crowd these were groundless. "So why are they continually harassing me? They must answer to history. History is notoriously accurate and it will give correct answers."

The circus put out \$10,000 worth of prizes, including a car and a roundtrip ticket for two to Manila. And here's the kicker: the winner of the ticket was Imelda! What a great coincidence. Isn't that something!

It is one of those occasions that border between the pathetic and the absurd. You don't know whether to laugh or cry. You have to inch yourself: is this for real? Here you have the greatest rascal and plunderer of all time, who presided over a 20-year regime of death and destruction. And he has the gall to say that his accusers will be answerable and accountable to history! In another culture, given the gravity of his crimes, there would have been no two ways about it. Just simply lined up against the wall. The ultimate retribution.

But here he is seeking to return, pitting the Aquino government on the defensive. Unfortunately, the current government has misjudged the Marcos issue so badly and he is now crying out for justice.

Justice for this scoundrel? How strange that people should even consider that for a moment. How about justice for the Liliaa Hilas, the Puri Pedros, the Emmanuel Lacabas, the Ninoy Aquinos, the countless victims of the Marcos regime? Or have we forgotten them?

And how long will the circus last?

Enrile's censure — a powder-puff punch

"A POWDER-PUFF punch," was how a senator described the chamber's censure on Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile for wrongly accusing presidential brother-in-law Paul Aquino.

The "censure" was actually a "gentle reminder" that Enrile be more circumspect in the use of parliamentary privileges.

The censure, in fact, is not even in the rule book on penalties for erring lawmakers. It was recommended by the committee on ethics, chaired by Sen. Ren Saguisag who calls Enrile "Manong Johnny."

The eight committee members endorsed the "censure" but Senate Majority Floor leader Orlando Mercado gave his endorsement with strong reservations.

"I propose that we either clear Johnny (Enrile) or discipline him," said Mercado.

Senator Enrile carries a heavy, lonely burden. Policy considerations do not warrant anything more than a reminder as the present way out of a dilemma situation, said Saguisag in the committee report censuring Enrile.

While acknowledging that

Paul Aquino's name was "priceless and more valuable than life itself," the committee said it was impressed by Enrile's admission he wrongly accused Aquino of being chairman of Security Bank, a sequestered bank which Marcos and his cronies had used to launder their money overseas.

"It is important not to rule in a manner that could have a chilling effect on the right to debate of any member of the Senate who is with us because of the mandate from millions. Senator Enrile is the lone oppositionist. The perception that the minority is being muzzled must be duly considered," said the committee.

Paul Aquino earlier asked the Senate to censure Enrile. Aquino said in a letter to Senate President Jovito Salonga that ordinary citizens should be protected from lawmakers who use their parliamentary privileges to malign people without basis.

Under Senate rules, censure either means suspension or expulsion. For wrongly accusing former President Carlos P. Garcia in 1960 the late Sergio Osmeña Jr. of Cebu City was suspended for 15 months for disorderly behaviour.

California dreaming!

GOVERNMENT agents are looking for an illegal recruiter who gipped thousands of job seekers of about P16 million in placement fees by promising them employment in California orchards. The illegal recruiter, identified only as Gerry, reportedly set up a one-man recruitment agency which he called California Labour Farm Contractors. According to the Anti-Illegal Recruitment unit of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration Gerry reportedly promised applicants employment as apple and orange pickers and an H2a visa which is issued to farm workers.

Manglapus' 'Yankee Panky' makes New York debut

By David Beard

NEW YORK, (AP): Teddy Roosevelt skips across the stage, huffing, puffing and singing his joy at another war. Commodore George Dewey orders the beginning of the battle of Manila Bay to a Latin jazz accompaniment.

Manifest Destiny: An Evening of Yankee Panky, running in New York for a five-show run, is the unlikelyst of musicals — a bitter-sweet history of the United States' 1898 takeover of the Philippines, written by that nation's Foreign Secretary, Raul Manglapus.

Inspired by 1776, a musical about the United States' declaration of independence from Britain, Manglapus, wrote Yankee Panky 14 years ago, while on a self-imposed exile in the United States from the authoritarian rule of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos. 1776 ran on Broadway from 1969 to 1971.

"He thought a musical would be a painless way to show a neglected part of our nation's

history," said his son Francis, who produced the play. "He really researched it. The information that he gained for the play he's really using right now."

"Right now" refers to Manglapus' protracted negotiations with Washington over the future of US military bases in the islands. He was appointed foreign secretary last year by Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

As a negotiator, Manglapus has demanded a steep increase in the amount of US aid in exchange for continued use of the bases, the largest US military complex on foreign soil.

As a playwright, he provides an insight into who some Filipinos consider the military outposts an odious vestige of US rule.

In Yankee Panky, US diplomats beguile Philippine rebels, promising them arms, support and independence if they defeat the Spanish colonialists, but offering no written guarantees. US businessmen in straw hats plot to wean Filipinos from fruit juices to soft drinks and

create new US export markets.

The garrulous Roosevelt is portrayed nearly to satiric excess, smoking cigars, grinning and barking: "I say you can't civilise without the use of force."

With a score that ranges from Tin Pan Alley to Bossa Nova, Yankee Panky explores the broken promises, the bloody suppression of a Philippine war of independence in 1899-1901 and the battle for the Philippine mind that ensued. The nabobs finally gained independence in 1946.

The goal of this play is to destroy certain myths that people still cling to," Francis Manglapus said during a rehearsal.

"There's this myth that the United States has a 'special relationship' with the Philippines. The United States is not looking out for our interests; it is looking out for its interests."

Manglapus wrote the play while on a Ford Foundation fellowship to study Philippine-US relations from 1978 to 1982.

A musical was a natural vehicle for the 69-year-old Manglapus. At home on the piano,

xylophone and drums, he had written songs to cheer fellow prisoners of the Japanese in World War II. Later he led a Manila diatonic band — The Executives — that jammed with Lionel Hampton and Prince Sihanouk of Cambodia, a part-time jazz clarinetist.

After Marcos was toppled, Yankee Panky became a success in Manila, and a recent crop of political plays on Broadway encouraged Manglapus and Pudent to take a plunge in New York.

Its 35-member cast performs

traditional Philippine dances and sings lyrics that range from superficial ("To Spread Civilization; To Improve Sanitation") to savage ("They Like to Play the Democrat And Never Teach the Little Brown Boy").

Pudent hopes its run at the Episcopal Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York is a prelude for another presentation in Washington.

"We would love to do it in Washington — so that the State Department and Congress could see it and understand a little bit more," Pudent said.

Drive to attract multi-nationals

MAKATI businessman Augusto Syjuco urged businessmen and industrialists to rally behind the campaign to attract more multi-nationals to set up regional headquarters in the Philippines.

Syjuco cited the campaign of the Philippine Association of Multinationals (PAM) Headquarters in efforts to let the Philippines catch up with the fast economic development of Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, and other Asian countries.

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Rush for gold in Camarines Norte

PARACALE, Camarines Norte: Six years ago, Macario Galero made a modest living by farming coconuts and running a small food shop. Today, he is one of the "high graders" exploiting a gold boom in this coastal town.

Officials estimate that as many as 20,000 people like Galero are hunting the precious metal here in Camarines Norte.

"I think it was a gift from God that they found gold here," said Pepito David, the town judge. "Because otherwise, the people would be suffering. Before gold, there was nothing but fishing."

Gold has been mined in Camarines Norte since before World War II, in the hills overlooking the Pacific town of about 25,000, located 190 kilometers southeast of Manila. But in December 1952, a mine cave-in here killed 56 miners and brought a halt to large mining operations. The town reverted to fishing and coconuts for its livelihood and many young men sought work abroad.

In the early 1980s, however, the rise in the world gold prices rekindled interest in mining and triggered a gold rush here and elsewhere in the Philippines.

More than 120,000 people in all are now working mines here and in Davao del Norte province, Northern Luzon, Masabate island and other areas of the Philippines.

Some six major mining corporations, including Benguet Consolidated Mining Corp., and Abcar-Paragon Mining Corp., operate in Paracale and nearby towns.

Abcar-Paragon, which employs about 300 people, declined to give details of its operation. But engineers estimate the Philippine-Australian joint venture is mining about 500 tons of ore a day. In general, refiners can extract

about 4.5 grams of gold from each ton of ore, for a total daily yield from the 500 tons of about 2,250 grams, or 78.75 ounces. At current world price, that much gold could fetch around P700,000 a day, depending on the quality.

Mining sources believe the company's claim includes veins with an estimated richness of 14 grams per ton, making it one of the country's richest reserves.

Nonetheless, much of the mining here is done by "high graders" — independent prospectors who scour the riverbeds and sink deep shafts in the hills in hopes of a strike.

Although few are getting rich by world standards, some are earning more than they would by fishing or harvesting coconuts.

Galero's operation is typical

of the "high graders." He owns the land and finances digging operations in return for a share of whatever the prospectors find.

Startup costs, including tools, generators, refining equipment, chemicals and food, run from P100,000 to P21,000, mining sources said.

Like other "high graders," Galero declined to say how much he has earned. Much of the gold is sold on the black market to avoid taxes. Some miners say they are afraid jealous rivals will jump their claims if their profits are made public.

But Galero said that in April, his crews were mining ore with a richness of 15 grams of gold per ton, a rich find. Fifteen grams would fetch about P4,750 at world prices.

Some engineers say small-scale "high graders" in Camarines Norte average up to one gram of gold a day.

Miners in Davao del Norte, a large operation than those in Camarines Norte, receive up to P5,725 each week, more than 10 times what a farm worker normally earns in the Philippines.

With his profits, Galero has been able to build a stone bouse in a neighborhood where others live in huts of coconut leaves. His home includes a colour television set and a video recorder, luxuries in this area.

"Certainly, it's meant more money for the people," said banker Frank Garcia. "We've noticed an increase in deposits, because people are directly benefited by the boom."

At one site, atop a jungle ridge

south of town, about 50 miners dig at three shafts, each 50 to 100 feet (15 to 30 meters) deep.

From the base, tiny, earl-space tunnels fan out toward bopod-for veins. Miners descend into the pits on makeshift rope pulleys, working for about an hour before returning to the surface for a respite from the heat below.

Labourers on the surface haul up the ore in large sacks, then transfer it to "milling stations," where the stones are ground into powder in gasoline- or diesel-powered cylindrical drums.

Mercury is added to the powdered ore. The gold dust then sieks to the mercury and is separated from the ground stone.

Gold mining has also spawned a number of other businesses, from vendors who sell miners soft drinks and fried bananas to jewellery smiths who buy gold from middle-men and then sell finished products as far away as Manila.

"Most of our inhabitants are engaged in small-scale mining nowadays," said Vice-Mayor Edgar Dasco. "The people are employed, and the number of business establishments is increasing."

Paracale residents say that so far, the town has been spared the ill effects the gold boom has brought to Davao del Norte. These include a sharp increase in armed robberies, slaying and scores of deaths due to cave-ins.

"This is not yet a problem because of family ties and religiosity of the people," said the Rev. Efrén Sanchez, the local Roman Catholic priest.

Still, he worries about the long-term effects of people getting "quick money."

"When they get money, they spend the money," Sanchez said. "It's easy money, and they don't think about the future."



Workers sift through dirt in the hope of finding gold. As many as 20,000 people are hunting the precious metal.



The Fleming hopefuls: (left to right) Charles Dance, Jeremy Irons, and Pierce Brosnan

Stars line up to play 007 creator, Ian Fleming

By B. Bamigboye

IAN FLEMING, the suave creator of James Bond, is to become the focus of a major international film.

Fleming, who died in 1964, was an inveterate womaniser and rake and shamelessly perpetuated the old school tie image. His life story is as sexy and racy as the Bond stories themselves.

The \$3 million film, to be called *Golden Eye*, begins shooting in Jamaica in the spring and the big question among casting agents and director is: Who will play Fleming?

Star names such as Charles Dance, Pierce Brosnan—who, ironically, was at one time tipped to play Bond on film—and Jeremy Irons have been mentioned, but casting cannot be completed until production partners Anglia Television and Crossbow Films have negotiated with a Hollywood studio.

Fleming's life story was fascinating. During the war he was Commander Fleming and worked in Naval Intelligence. It was here that James Bond was conceived. He eventually became the subject of 13 books and a series of celebrated movies, originally starring Sean Connery, followed by



Author Ian Fleming: the suave creator of James Bond. His life story is as sexy and racy as the character of James Bond himself.

Roger Moore and Timothy Dalton, that have made millions around the globe.

Fleming never actually spied or went on active service, but he was in a unique position to deploy and work with men who were prototypes for his classic hero.

Co-producer Mark Grenside told me: "Fleming was one of the most handsome men in

England and women found him irresistible. We're not making a James Bond film out of his life.

"We will show what he did in intelligence during the war and how he lived life to the full in London and at his home, Golden Eye, in Jamaica.

The 90-minute TV film, developed by film-maker Don Boyd, is based on a script by Reg Gadney.

Goldberg joins Star Trek

LOS ANGELES. (AP)—Comedienne-actress Whoopi Goldberg has been cast as an alien humanoid hostess of an on-board lounge aboard the starship Enterprise for the Star Trek: The Next Generation television series.

Goldberg's character, Guinan, will be a recurring role, according to a release. That means she won't be on every episode of the show, which enters its second season.

"I've always been a trekkie, so I thought it was time for me to boldly go where no man has gone before," said Miss Goldberg, 32, referring to the original Star Trek show's opening line describing the mission of the starship Enterprise.

Goldberg has starred in several movies and won a Golden Globe and an Academy Award nomination in 1985 for her role in *The Color Purple*.

The "ten-forward" lounge where Goldberg's character will preside is new to the series, and will give writers a chance to show characters relaxing off-duty.

"We had been looking for someone to play an unusual role in a very different kind of starship set," said series executive producer and creator Gene Roddenberry. "It wasn't until we learned of Whoopi's interest in our show that the idea finally began to gel. We look forward to the new dimension she will bring to our series."

Goldberg has starred in *Jumping Jack Flash*, *Beulah*, *Fatal Beauty*, and *Clarissa's Heart*, which will be released in October.

The Comedienne, noted for her deadpan hair-style and oversized clothing, has also starred in several cable television specials, including the two "Comic Relief" shows to aid the homeless.

Anti-racist film appeals to rednecks

By Stephen Pile

A NEW film designed to expose the ugly face of American racism has provoked a strange reaction from white supremacists: they love it and are flocking to see it. This has dismayed black leaders and civil rights activists who had praised the film for its anti-racist message.

Betrayed tells the story of a government investigation into a violent group of white racists in the American Midwest. An FBI agent, played by Debra Winger, goes undercover to investigate the shooting of a talk show host, suspected to be the work of an armed racist group.

Winger meets and falls in love with a handsome farmer, played by Tom Berenger, the Platoon star. In the first half of the film, Berenger is portrayed as a sympathetic character in a homely Norman Rockwell-like setting. He is loving to his children and kind to animals. He carries a gun but cannot bring himself to shoot a faithful old horse which needs to be put down.

Later Berenger shows himself as a twisted killer who believes that his way of life is threatened by blacks and Jews. But in a reaction which caught United Artists, the studio that made the film, by surprise, racist groups have embraced the character as martyr to their cause.

Shocked

"We're pushing the movie and recommending it to all our friends," Tom Metzger, a former grand dragon of the Ku-Klux-Klan, said. Metzger said the movie portrayed racists as "pretty reasonable people, good people living in the Heartland who are concerned about their country."

The National Association for the Advancement of White People claims that its recruiting efforts have been boosted by the film. On the other side, the anti-racist Jewish Defence League said it had been taunted

Debra Winger and Tom Berenger in Costa-Gavras' film *Betrayed*.

by racist callers saying the movie showed how they were going to take over the country.

Judy Schwam, senior vice-president for publicity at United Artists, said the racist reaction was sick and had shocked the studio. Nonetheless, she thought the film was important because it made people think about the problem of racism.

Her own 18-year-old daughter had not known the meaning of a burning cross until she saw the film, Schwam said.

Betrayed is directed by the Greek film-maker, Costa-Gavras, whose previous movies—about political assassinations in Greece (Z) and American involvement in the military dictatorship in Chile (Missing)—set off equally fierce debates. He defends it as a much needed dose of realism for American audiences.

Some critics have questioned the film's authenticity, particularly the most harrowing scene, in which a young black

man is kidnapped and taken into the woods, then allowed to run away before being hunted down and shot by the gun-toting racist group.

But there is a factual basis for such incidents. Last year in Alabama, a young black man was kidnapped after a manhunt and had his throat slashed before being hanged. The shooting of the talk show host is based on the real-life killing of Allen Berg, a Jewish radio star in Denver. The armed camp for racists which Berenger and Winger visit is modelled on one in northern Idaho.

Supported

Civil rights groups have supported Costa-Gavras' film. Vernon Jordan, the civil rights leader who was badly wounded in a racist sniper attack in 1980, said *Betrayed* showed that brutal racism was alive and well and living in America. "If people don't believe it, I tell them to feel the hole in my back," he

said. But critics are bitterly divided over *Betrayed*. Peter Rainer, writing in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, said: "Costa-Gavras' portrayal is supposed to be a shocking expose of murderous, ultra-rightist fanatics in Middle America, but it's almost as deranged as the people it's indicting. Since this is the season for movie pickets," he said, referring to the wave of demonstrations against the Last Temptation of Christ, "how about a few family-farmer pickets outside theatres playing *Betrayed*? As hate letters to the Heartland go, *Betrayed* is right at the top of the compost heap." Other critics, however, have praised it and urged their viewers and readers to see it.

All this controversy has made the film a resounding hit, taking \$17m (£10m) at the box office since its premiere last month.

Sending the Vietnam war home by US mail

Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam, an emotional history of the war, winner of two Emmy Awards, has now been released for the big screen to weeping audiences across the United States.

By Solange De Santis

TORONTO. (Reuters): Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam starts with a laugh and ends in tears.

The film opens with the giggle in a 1963 hit "Wipe Out" by the Surfaris and scenes of American soldiers surfing and splashing in the waves at China beach, South Vietnam.

It ends with actress Ellen Burstyn—weeping as she reads a mother's letter, written in 1964, to the son who had been killed in Vietnam 15 years before.

"This is an emotional history of the war. My intent was to make a film that Vietnam vets (veterans) would see and say, 'someone told our story,'" said director William Couturie after the film was shown this month at the Toronto Film Festival.

Shown earlier this year on US cable's home box office, *Dear America* opened in 50 cities in the United States and Canada last week. HBO plans overseas distribution later.

HBO, which financed the \$1.1 million film, Corsair Pictures, which produced it, and United Artists, the distributor, will donate 75 per cent of the profits from the theatrical

release to the Vietnam Veterans Ensemble Theatre in New York and the New York Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission.

"I always intended 'Dear America' to be seen on the big screen. This film was meant for Dolby stereo and 35mm prints. A transformation happens on the big screen that makes it a much more powerful experience," Couturie said.

The soundtrack marries such memorable songs of the time as Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Fortunate Son," which includes the line, "I ain't no senator's son," with news footage of young men leaving for the war zone.

Read

Dear America, which won two Emmy awards, is based on the book by the same name, a compilation of letters collected by the New York Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission, excerpts of which are engraved on a memorial in Manhattan.

In the early years of the war, the letters are optimistic, full of idealism about fighting communism and helping America's allies.

But as the war dragged on, the tone became weary. "I feel like an old man now. I have seen enough of war and its



A soldier on duty in Vietnam.

destruction," wrote Corporal Kevin MacAulay of the 3rd Marine Division.

The letters, read by 33 actors including Robert de Niro, Willem Dafoe, Michael J. Fox

and Robin Williams, accompany film shot by the US television network NBC news, the Defence Department and the soldiers themselves. Every frame is authentic no scenes

were recreated, Couturie emphasized.

"I only had a few minutes of night (fighting) and I was tempted to make some night footage, but I said no. Everything you see was real," said Couturie, who was rejected from the Vietnam draft due to poor eyesight and described himself as an "anti-war protester with hair down to here."

Couturie said he was inspired by the veterans themselves to use music with the letters.

"Over and over, when I interviewed them, they said how out of it they felt over there. They said two things made them feel connected to 'the world'—music and letters," he said.

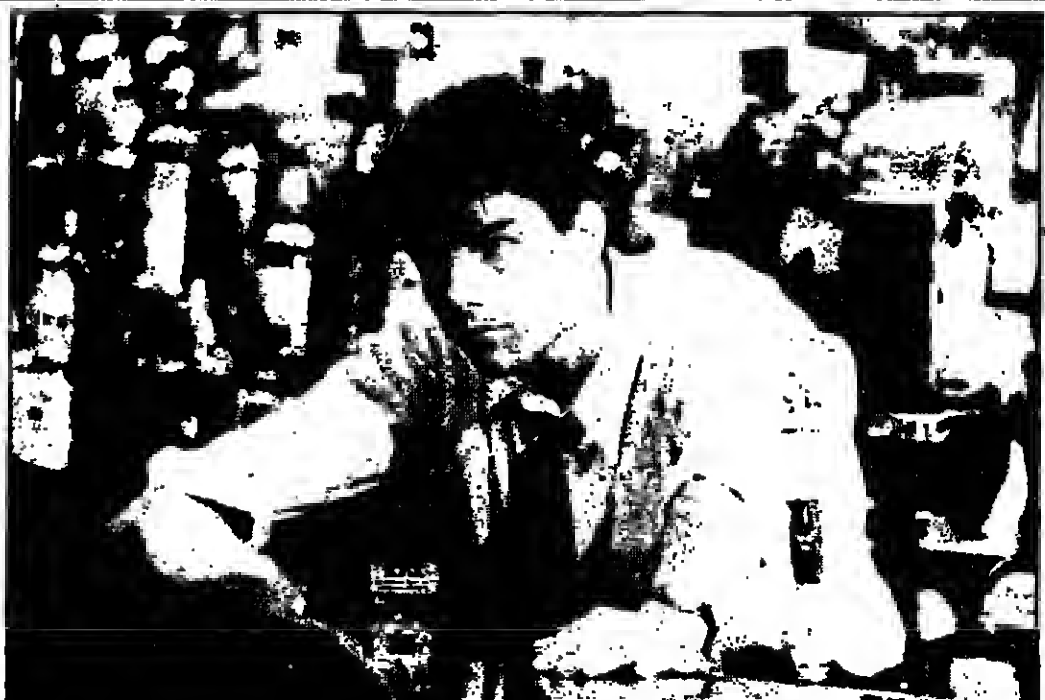
Actor and Vietnam veteran Richard Chaves, who narrated some of the letters, agreed.

The letters, the pictures and the rock and roll all brought back for him memories of the terror, excitement, disgust and camaraderie of war.

"I can get through most of the film, but by the time Ellen Burstyn comes on, I'm a heap," Chaves told reporters after the premiere.

The letter Burstyn reads was left at the Vietnam war memorial in Washington by Eleanor Wimbish. It is to her son, William Stocks of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade.

She wrote: "They tell me the letters I write to you and leave here at this memorial are waking others up to the fact that there is still much pain left, after all these years, from the Vietnam war."



Tom Cruise: Paul Newman calls him 'killer'

Hollywood's latest heart-throb

By Ivor Davis

PAUL NEWMAN calls him "Killer." Dustin Hoffman cornered him in a cafe in New York City and said, "I want you to work with me."

Producer Bob Fosse, whose film *Three Men and a Cradle* teamed up three of Hollywood's most handsome stars (Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg), says, "The camera adores him so much there is a risk that he comes out looking more gorgeous than his leading lady."

These well-known Hollywood figures are talking about Thomas Cruise Mapother IV, known to millions of moviegoers as Tom Cruise.

When Cruise starred as young pilot Lt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell in the box-office hit *Top Gun* (1986), enrollment in the Navy's pilot school more than quadrupled. When Newman shared the screen with Cruise in *The Colour of Money* (1986), the long-awaited sequel to Newman's classic pool-hall drama *The Hustler* (1961), the sport came alive again all over the United States. Newman, who selected Cruise to play young pool-cue wizard Vincent Laurie, says: "I looked at him and saw me 30 years ago."

With Cruise in his latest film "Cocktail" as a cocky, yet naive, bartender who teams up with an acid-tongued veteran (Bryan Brown), the profession of serving drinks is likely to be transformed into a glamour job.

In person the object of all this ballyhoo is shy. His blue eyes flash when I ask if that "cocky bastard" image from *Top Gun*,

The Colour of Money and *Cocktail* is the real Cruise and whether the sex-symbol status gets in the way of his being considered a serious actor.

"Images of what people perceive you as can't control your life, so I just do what I'm doing. I'm a working actor who feels fortunate to be where I am and to do what I've done," he says.

"I wouldn't take a role in a film to prove to audiences that I can do a part that is not as colourful as some of my last roles," he says. "Cocktail interested me because it's not a conventional movie. It's not the kind of film you know about after 15 minutes; it doesn't have a lot of car chases. It's about young people today; and that is a difficult film to get made."

At 27 Cruise is married to actress Mimi Rogers, 36. They were wed secretly in May 1987 in upstate New York. Before marriage Cruise was romantically linked to his *Risky Business* (1983) co-star Rebecca De Mornay, "Top Gun" star Kelly McGillis and a handful of other Hollywood women, including Cher.

Battle

Unlike his *Big Bad* contemporaries Cruise did not come from a strong show-business background. His parents founded an amateur theatre group in Ottawa, but separated when Cruise was 11 years old. (Cruise was reunited with his father last year shortly before his father's death from cancer.) His mother Mary Lee held several jobs to support Cruise and his three sisters.

"We always had food on the table but it was a battle," Cruise

recalls. "Every year we moved to a different Southern town and had to make new friends. But we were a close family. We all worked to pay our way. I cut grass and delivered papers. My sisters waitressed and baby-sat. We couldn't afford new clothes so I wore my cousins' hand-me-downs. I ran around in oversize tennis shoes and sloppy sweaters."

At 14 Cruise considered entering the priesthood. "I went to a Franciscan monastery school because they were subsidised by Procter & Gamble," he says. "They put clothes on my back and fed me; I needed that structure."

Another problem separated Cruise from most other teenagers: He suffered from dyslexia. "Even today I have to learn to adapt because of it," says Cruise. "In the early days it was either sink or swim because if I didn't do something it would be harder to focus. I wasn't always as disciplined as I am now."

Cruise is currently working on *Rainman*, playing Charlie Babbitt, a self-destructive boiler-room worker who discovers that his older brother (Dustin Hoffman) is an idiot savant.

No one doubts that Cruise is enjoying his life. In his last three movies he worked with some of Hollywood's top actors.

"Do you have six hours for me to tell you what I've learned?" he asks. "I've learned where to focus my energies so I'm not doing everything. I'm doing all the stuff that Dustin and Paul did 25 years ago. It's invaluable. I'm picking up years of knowledge and it's saving me sleepless nights."

Hollywood happy with successes

Block-buster comedies make it a record summer

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES. (Reuters): A rabbit suspected of murder and an African prince looking for love have helped to break box-office records for Hollywood this summer.

Three films *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, *Cuning In America* and *Crocodile Dundee II*—have already grossed over \$100 million each and another called *Big* is well on the way to joining them.

Art Murphy, movie analyst of the show business journal *Variety*, predicted record summer box-office receipts of \$1.7 billion.

"In the past, one or two films and one or two studios have

done the majority of the business," said Jim Sheehan, president of Mann Theatres which has 460 screens in the west and southwest of the United States.

"But this year it's been spread around. We've had lots of good movies from lots of distributors."

Some entertainment industry commentators say that summer cinema audiences have been swollen by people fleeing from television screens dominated by reruns and political conventions.

But Milton Moritz, vice-president of advertising at Pacific Theatres, has a simpler explanation: "You had a good slate of films and, as history shows, once people get in the

habit of going to movies they go more often."

"If they see a good film, they'll want to go again."

If the summer hits have a common denominator, it is that they are basically light fare. "I don't think you have any 'message' films in there," said Moritz, whose company operates about 200 screens on the West Coast.

Coming to America, with Eddie Murphy as a lovelorn African prince, and *Cocktail*, with heart-throb Tom Cruise, proved that star appeal can often triumph over negative critical reviews.

The summer's biggest hit, Disney's *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, has grossed \$124.6 million. It stars British actor

Bob Hoskins in a live action-animation tale of a private eye and his rabbit client.

The success of *Roger Rabbit* and *Cocktail* has put Disney in a virtual tie with Paramount for summer box-office leadership.

Sequels continued to show their strength with the further adventures of Paramount's *Crocodile Dundee*. But other repeat doses of a successful original such as *Arthur 2* on the Rocks and *Pottergeist III* were among the summer's conspicuous flops.

Even *Rambo III*, which has raked in \$53.6 million, was something of a disappointment given the phenomenal success of Sylvester Stallone's previous portrayals of the indestructible John Rambo.

Perhaps the most surprising bit of the season was *Big*, starring Tom Hanks, which fared far better than all other variations on the theme of boys being magically transformed into men.

Other surprises include the offbeat comedies *Ball Durham* (\$46 million) and *A Fish Called Wanda* \$31 million.

Exhibitors are confident that the momentum can carry through into the autumn, which will have a strong line-up of potential hits such as *Punchline* with Hanks and Sally Field and *Moon Over Parador* starring Richard Dreyfuss.

"There's a lot of film and a lot looks good," Moritz said. "We're optimistic that business should hold up."

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Hamar urges bond issue to offset oil price drop

DUBAI, Oct. 1. (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates could issue bonds for the first time to help to finance a budget deficit caused by falling oil prices, Central Bank Governor Abdul Malik Al Hamar was quoted on Thursday as saying.

Hamar told the Khaleej Times that the budget deficit next year was likely to be higher than this year and "bond issuing would remain an attractive alternative" to oil revenue.

"There are enough financial resources (in the UAE) to warrant a good-size domestic issue," he said. Bonds would also stimulate the economy by financing government spending, he said.

Hamar noted that other Gulf Arab states such as Kuwait had issued bonds, adding that governments could also raise money by imposing taxes.

Plans
The Finance Ministry has said several times this year that it has no immediate plans to issue bonds to finance the budget deficit, which reached 2.76 billion dirhams (\$45 million) last year.

The 1988 budget has not been published, but the government has said this year's deficit is likely to be slightly lower.

The price of oil, the UAE's main source of revenue, has slumped this year to about \$6 per barrel below the OPEC benchmark price of \$18.

Exchange firm names new chief



H.V. Rangaswamy

VETERAN banker and experienced analyst H.V. Rangaswamy has been appointed as the new managing director of Kuwait India Intl. Exchange Co.

Rangaswamy has served in almost all departments of the State Bank of India in various capacities during his 29 years of tenure in the bank. Before being appointed in Kuwait, Rangaswamy was the deputy general manager at the Coimbatore regional office of the SBI, having 164 branches under his control.

Prior to that he was also the deputy general manager of the New Delhi regional office for three years. The New Delhi regional office comprised of 194 branches with deposits of Rs.14,000 million and advances of Rs.400 million. During Rangaswamy's tenure there was a growth of Rs8000 million of business in the Module.

He has also held other important assignments such as chief officer of small industries and small business banking, at the central office in Bombay; was human resources development manager at the Hyderabad head office and was on the faculty of the bank's Staff College at Hyderabad.

Rangaswamy did notable work in the field of financing small scale industries. His rich and varied experience will benefit the Indian community in Kuwait and the company he is now heading.

Apart from being an accomplished bank executive, Rangaswamy has an affable personality and is approachable to everybody at all times. He takes keen interest in sports, especially cricket and hockey, music and literature.

He was the chairman of the souvenir committee of the Jawahar Nehru Hockey Society, Delhi from 1985 to 1988. The Indian community here will have ample opportunity to meet Rangaswamy during his three-year stay in Kuwait.

Tokyo share prices drop

TOKYO, Oct. 1. (AP): Share prices fell moderately at the start of half-day trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange today morning following a strong gain the previous day.

The Nikkei Stock Average of 225 selected issues, a 223.54-point winner on Friday, dropped 104.93 points, or 0.38 per cent, to 27,818.74 points shortly after the market opened for trading.

Scheme most succinct and rewarding

SBI to issue new bonds to NRIs

By M.C. Bose

THE State Bank of India is issuing a new bond exclusively for the benefit of non-resident Indians (NRIs) and persons of Indian origin, K. Govindan, general manager of the bank (overseas operations) has said.

Prior to his present assignment at the bank's central office at Bombay, Govindan was in Kuwait on deputation as managing director of Kuwait India International Exchange Co. (KIIEC) with whom the bank has a management contract.

Importance
Govindan told the Arab Times that the Indian Finance Minister N.D. Tiwari has mentioned in his 1988 budget the importance of the new scheme exclusively designed for the benefit of non-resident Indians. It was significant on many fronts: Introducing a new financial instrument which has been designed in foreign currency like the US dollar for NRIs. The phenomenon is not that uncommon. But many investors in business find the scheme most succinct and rewarding.

Denominations
The bonds will be in the denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 and will carry interest at 11.5 per cent per year compounded annually.

The scheme also gives the investors security net against

exchange rate fluctuations, particularly rupee depreciation against the US dollar. The actual rate will be fixed just before the issue opens. The formal launching of the scheme is set for November.

Govindan said the bonds were to be redeemable after seven years in Indian rupees at the rate of exchange prevailing at that time. The bonds along with the interest will be completely free of income, wealth and gift taxes.

Transferable
He said bonds will be transferable after three years between NRIs or could be gifted to resident Indians after that period. The bonds will continue to remain free of all Indian taxes even after the permanent return of the non-resident Indian.

The bonds will be offered only to NRIs, but can be jointly owned by a second name holder who can be either a non-resident or resident Indian. Premature encashment is also permitted after three years. An investor can avail loan to the extent of 75 per cent, Govindan added.

Incentives
The government is considering various incentives for making non-repatriable investment in India more attractive, vis-a-vis repatriable investment. India needs more foreign exchange. The NRI bond issue, one of the schemes which will bring more foreign exchange.

"India's rate of foreign bor-



Picture shows from left to right M. Lall, C.S.S. Khanpuri, Atish Sinha, K. Govindan, Rajan Nireshwalia and Mohan Menon.

rowing has declined considerably whereas its pace of savings growth rate has accelerated. Our savings only second to Japan in the whole world. Japan is considered to be the highest saving nation in the world," Govindan said.

Funds
The bank also set up two funds worth total Rs 20 million to give technological upgradation to medium and small scale Indian industries and export promotion.

The bank is also planning to open an NRI branch in Bombay to deal with only NRI operations. A new exchange house was opened in Muscat last month mainly to look after NRI interest in that country.

The SBI delegation also addressed a seminar on Wednes-

day, which was organised by Kuwait NRI Investors Forum. Indian Embassy Charge d'Affaires Atish Sinha presided the seminar. NRI forum President C.S.S. Khanpuri, Vice-Presidents Mohan Menon, and Rajan Nireshwalia were also present.

Income
SBI's NRI Services manager M. Lall also addressed the gathering.

He said one of the tax concessions available to NRIs is that when they return to India permanently, they may continue to pay tax on their income from specified foreign exchange assets at 20 per cent till they transfer or convert these assets into money.

Specified assets here mean Central Government securities plus debentures and deposits with Indian public limited com-

panies, he said.

"Of these the deposits with public limited Indian companies merit careful consideration," he said.

Whether or not the State Bank of India, as incorporated under the State Bank of India Act 1955, is an Indian company, for the purpose of this tax concession was a matter of debate, he said. "I am delighted to inform you all NRIs in Kuwait that we have since received a written clarification from the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, that State Bank of India is an Indian company in terms of the definition of an Indian company under Section 2(26) of Income Tax Act. As such the concessional rate of tax under Chapter XII A of I.T. Act 1961 is applicable to SBI deposits," he said.

Mitsubishi's Galant chosen Japan's Car of the Year

By Lima Al Khalafawi

MITSUBISHI Motors has introduced the new 1988 Galant, Colt and Lancer models which they claim are more comfortable and especially designed for humid and desert climates.

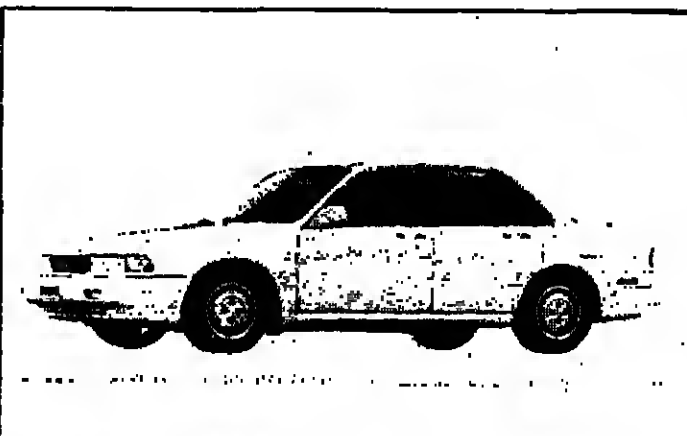
The Dubai office of Mitsubishi Motors recently invited journalists from various countries of the Middle East to see their latest models and learn more about the cars and their accessories.

Mitsubishi's Galant was chosen Japan's "Car of the Year" for 1987-88, said Y. Yoshida, Mitsubishi's director and deputy corporate general manager of the Office of International Business.

At a press conference in Dubai last Tuesday, he said the Galant was rated number one over 46 cars by nine automakers due to its quality and performance.

Technology
Yoshida added that the new Galant is a high-performance car, containing an amazing amount of sophisticated new technology that includes a powerful and responsive engine with refined suspension and efficient brakes.

He said the new car embodies elegance and the latest technology and is crafted to deliver the excitement demanded by



The Galant 2000 Super Saloon

today's car buyer. Journalists were later taken for a test drive to enable them to assess the performance of the new models.

Behind the steering wheel, the driver finds an active environment. The large odometers are designed for at-a-glance viewing.

The car's five-speed manual transmission has a light and positive shifting action. The Galant's 14-inch ventilated front disc brakes coupled with a 9-inch vacuum booster and rear eight-inch drums with leading and trailing shoes provide the car with sure, safe

and dependable stopping power. Sitting behind the wheel of the Mitsubishi Colt gives the driver a strong sense of command. The incorporation of ventilated front disc and rear landing/trailing drum breaks allows the driver to break with total confidence.

Distinctive
The Colt's distinctive S-curved rear is the model's new contoured styling. The running efficiency of the Colt reflects the precision of its engineering.

The Mitsubishi Lancer's driver can enjoy fast acceleration. Five or four-speed manual transmissions are available as

well as a three-speed automatic.

The suspension system of the Colt and Lancer guarantees responsive handling and excellent stability at high speed, without sacrificing comfort.

Mitsubishi's new cars are an excellent combination of high power and economical fuel consumption.

The promotion event was launched by Mitsubishi's Dubai agent Sultan Al Habtoor and the manufacturer's representatives from Japan.

Jordan awards road contract

AMMAN, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Jordan awarded China's Construction Engineering Company (CEC) a \$19 million contract to build one fourth of a 280 km (175 mile) highway in the country's eastern part, an embassy official said today.

The state-run CEC was given 720 days to complete the 70 km (43.3 mile) road, the first stage of a four-phase highway project, the official news agency Petra reported.

October brings haunting memories to Wall Street

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (AP): As even the most casual follower of finance knows, October has been witness to a disproportionate number of disasters in the stock market.

For starters, there was the great crash in 1929. Back-to-back sell-offs in the late 1970s came to be known as the "October massacres."

And then there was October 1987, when stocks endured a collapse that culminated in a record 22.6 per cent drop in the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks on Black Monday, Oct. 19.

This year, the market begins the month still bearing a lot of scars from that rout. Trading volume, and morale, have both been running low lately on Wall Street.

Conclusion
And with all the attention the first anniversary of Black Monday is certain to get, it is almost a foregone conclusion that stocks are going to be tough merchandise to move from the next several weeks.

Just why October should hold so many pitfalls for the market is not known. Statistical studies in the past also have focussed on May, June and September as trouble spots for investors.

To many an observer, most calendar "tendencies" of this type are not more than random phenomena lacking any predictive value for the future.

Some market-watchers who describe themselves as "contrarians" suggest that the crash memories haunting Wall Street this month may actually produce a chance to buy stocks at bargain prices.

If you want to pick up stocks cheap, the old argument goes, you need to buy them when nobody else wants them.

Qatar sees steady growth for construction sector

LONDON, Oct. 1. (KUNA): Careful management of the economy has left Qatar well placed to take advantage of the predicted oil price recovery in the 1990s, according to an analysis issued here today.

The London-based Middle East Economic Digest (MEED) magazine noted current economic problems arising from low oil prices, but stressed the government's commitment to development in non-oil sectors.

While 90 per cent of Qatar's export earnings depend on oil, investment in fertiliser, steel manufacturing and petrochemical industries have helped create "a significant industrial base," the magazine said.

The construction sector is expected to record "steady growth," the "buoyant" financial services area grew by 6 per cent in 1987, and the government headed by the Amir, Sheikh Khalifah Bin Hamad Al Thani, was "considering" developing an aluminium industry to meet anticipated strong demand in the region, added the magazine.

Project
Most significant, however, is Qatar's largest industrial project — the North Field gas project.

Work on the first of the 6,000-square kilometre field's wells began in August to exploit the estimated 380-million cubic feet of gas there.

The specialised weekly pointed out that the North Field is "a long-term guarantee of national prosperity in the post-oil era."

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World Business Summary

US-Soviet grain pact to lapse for first time

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1. (Reuters): For the first time since Washington and Moscow signed a historic grain trade agreement over 12 years ago, the US-Soviet grain pact appears about to lapse without a new accord in place. The current five-year agreement, the largest commercial pact of its kind, expires on September 30. Reagan administration sources involved in negotiations to draft a new agreement said it now seems certain the long-standing accord will expire before a new pact is approved. But government and grain industry officials were unconcerned about life without an agreement and said going without an official pact for a short time will not disrupt grain trade between the United States and the Soviet Union. "There's no gloom and doom going around. Everyone assumes that a new agreement will be completed in short order," said Steve McCoy, executive director for the North American Export Grain Association, a consortium of major US exporters. "My feeling is that it (a new agreement) could be wrapped up in one more session," said Thomas Kay, head of the Agriculture Department's Foreign Agricultural Service and a key member of the US negotiating team. A formal grain agreement between the two trading giants was first implemented in the 1970s to prevent Moscow, the world's biggest grain buyer, from unexpectedly buying huge quantities of US grain and disrupting American markets. The agreement is not binding, and Moscow has sometimes failed to honour its terms but the accord is still viewed as a symbol of good faith between the United States and the Soviet Union. It assures US farmers of a certain share of the Soviet grain market and gives the Soviets assurances that the Americans will supply a certain amount of grain every year.

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Alshall stock price indices

Kuwait trade volume surges despite gloom prevailing in the market

KUWAIT, Oct 1, (KUNA): The Alshall index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 42.76 points with an increase of 0.07 point — 0.2 per cent over last week's average. Al Shall economic consultants reported today.

Alshall index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 47.75 points with a decrease of 0.95 point — 2 per cent for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 29.38 million shares at a daily average of 5.88 million shares with an increase of 16.9 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 5.03 million shares.

Decrease

Gulf traded shares reached 4.36 million shares at a daily average of 0.87 million shares with a decrease of 64 per cent from last week's daily average of 2.44 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD10,846 million at a daily average of KD 2,169 million, an increase of 29 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1,680 million.

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD 0.324 million at a daily average of KD 0.065 million a decrease of 51 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.134.

Despite attempts of participants to do their best at fixing the prices of shares, the market still shows weak signs, more so on the Gulf shares side.

The Kuwaiti shares market the banking sector came first at 55.5 per cent of total trading in which the Gulf Bank had the lead at 30.5 per cent followed by the Commercial Bank at 22 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 13.6 per cent.

Trading

Second came the real estate sector at 16 per cent of total trading, of which Kuwait Projects Company led at 62.5 per cent followed by Kuwait United Realty at 19.5 per cent and Kuwait Real Estate at 18 per cent.

The services sector came third at 12 per cent of total trading. Mobile Telephone Systems led in that sector at 68.5 per cent, followed by Kuwait commercial markets at 28 per cent, and Public Warehousing Company at 3.5 per cent. For the Gulf shares market, the financial sector led at 81 per cent of total trading volume.

Coast Investment and Development Company led in both markets at 53 per cent, followed by Bahrain Middle East Bank at 17.4 per cent and Ras Al Khaima White Cement at 17 per cent.

The report said that all attempts to increase or stabilise share prices by intervention are not feasible.

The only guarantee for a stable and active market lies in permitting share prices to freely reflect their true competitive values, meaning their actual financial performance, present as well as forecasted, for each company independently, the weekly report concluded.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

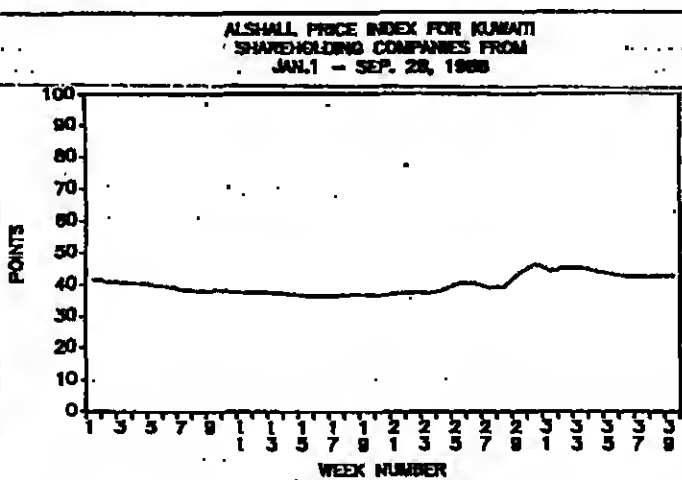
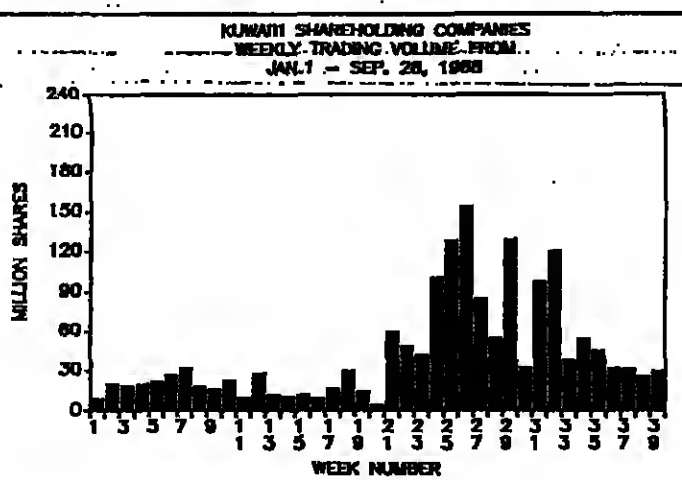
	Wednesday 28/09/88	Wednesday 21/09/88	Change points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	108.56	106.53	2.03
The Gulf Bank	36.05	35.63	0.41
The Commercial Bank	28.31	27.87	0.44
Al Ahli Bank	37.00	37.00	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	34.20	34.20	—
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	31.75	32.54	-0.79
Burgan Bank	31.71	31.22	0.50
Kuwait Finance House	81.64	80.12	1.51

Sector Index	48.27	48.69	0.58
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	28.28	29.02	-0.73
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	25.77	26.12	-0.34
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	82.54	82.54	—
IFA	73.53	73.53	—
Commercial Facilities	122.50	123.75	1.25
Sector Index	39.27	39.84	-0.57
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	39.68	39.68	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	28.46	28.46	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	51.28	51.28	—
Warba Insurance Co.	79.04	79.04	—
Sector Index	40.75	40.75	—
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	30.08	30.08	—
United Realty	11.39	11.84	-0.45
National Real Estate	41.41	42.60	-1.19
Sector Index	21.24	21.67	-0.43
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	17.38	—
Refrigeration Indust.	91.14	92.24	-1.10
Gulf Cables	112.10	112.10	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	91.56	90.67	0.89
Sector Index	36.21	36.24	-0.03
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	192.24	192.24	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	81.82	82.83	-1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	35.95	36.95	-1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	357.14	361.90	-4.76
Sector Index	85.78	86.57	-0.79
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	46.79	47.19	-0.41
United Fisheries	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	82.87	82.87	—
Kuwait Food Co.	72.41	87.36	-14.94
Sector Index	42.76	45.47	-2.72
Overall Index	42.76	42.69	0.07

Gulf shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 28/09/88	Wednesday 21/09/88	Change points
Financial Companies			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	92.41	93.79	-1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	87.32	87.32	—
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	99.05	99.05	—
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	54.89	61.85	-6.96
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	53.03	53.03	—
Sector Index	62.84	64.17	-1.33
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujairah Cement	10.53	10.53	—
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	25.00	25.56	-0.56
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—
Sector Index	16.08	16.24	-0.14
Overall Index	47.75	48.69	-0.95

Base Period 31/12/1983.



IMF projects 3.9pc growth rate for industrial nations

World economy is on the 'right track'

NEW YORK, Oct 1, (UPI): International financial leaders meeting this week declared the world's economy to be "on the right track," the government's leading economic indicators gained 0.4 per cent and the battle heated for Macmillan Inc.

In Berlin, the joint annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank reaffirmed current market-based strategy to reduce the \$1.2 trillion Third World debt.

The three-day summit, as seen from speeches in the plenary sessions, reached a board consensus on the US principle that in dealing with the developing world's debt there would be no transfer of risk from private to public sources.

Shift

Such a shift had been demanded in the past by commercial banks, which hold 70 per cent of the debt in middle-income coun-

tries in Latin America and 20 per cent of the debt in bankrupt African nations.

Michel Camdessus, managing director of IMF, denied at a news conference that he was at odds with the United States over policies of the 151-nation lending institution.

"The world economy is on the right track," Camdessus told the final meeting of the conference. "But time and care are needed to ensure that all countries can benefit."

In its world economic outlook presented before the three-day summit, IMF projected a 3.9 per cent growth rate in 1988 for industrial nations, 1.1 per cent higher than envisaged in April.

But little spillover effects had been noted in developing nations, IMF said, blaming the spotty expansion in the Third World in part on higher debt servicing costs.

In Washington, the Commerce Department reported lower unemployment and brisk manufacturers' orders for goods and plant equipment pushed the government's index of leading economic indicators up 0.4 per cent in August.

Despite a 0.9 per cent increase in economic performance from August 1987 to August 1988, it is still the slowest since the recession year of 1982, when the index dropped 4.4 per cent from August 1981 to August 1982, the bureau said.

The modest August increase was in line with analysts' expectations and should relieve some who worried a 0.6 per cent July decrease signalled the beginning of an economic downturn.

The Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis said five of the nine indicators available for August contributed to overall

economic performance in August, a forecast of how the economy may perform in the coming three to six months.

These factors include lower new claims for unemployment, increased manufacturers' orders for both consumer goods and plant equipment, higher applications for building permits and higher prices for raw materials.

Faster

A faster pace of deliveries to vendors, indicating suppliers did not have much business, a shorter average work week, falling stock prices and a tighter money supply all subtracted from economic performance, holding the index to 193.4, the bureau said.

In New York, Maxwell Communications Corp., in a heated battle for Macmillan Inc., raised its bid to \$90.25 a share, topping an offer accepted earlier in the week from Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co.

In a letter to Macmillan's board, British media entrepreneur Robert Maxwell, chairman of Maxwell Communications, said he was "troubled" by the manner in which Macmillan sought higher bids through an auction process.

On Tuesday, Macmillan accepted a \$90.05-a-share merger offer from Kohlberg Kravis Roberts instead of an \$89-a-share offer from Maxwell.

Offer

Maxwell said his sweetened offer is due to expire on Oct 13 and is contingent upon the elimination of Macmillan's "poison pill" provisions and upon a court order invalidating the "lock-up" options granted to Kohlberg Kravis Roberts.

Along with another Macmillan suitor, the Robert M. Bass Group, Maxwell also filed legal challenges to the Kohlberg Kravis Roberts deal.

Kuwait slashes budget deficit

KUWAIT, Oct 1, (Reuters): Spending cuts and higher than expected oil revenue enabled Kuwait to slash its budget deficit in the fiscal year ending June 30 to its lowest in four years, the Central Bank said today.

The deficit tumbled to 100.8 million dinars (\$350 million), a fraction of the projected 1.8 billion dinars (\$4.1 billion), from 1.13 billion dinars (\$3.9 billion) the previous year, bank figures showed.

Kuwait depends on oil for most of its revenue and has reported budget gaps every year since 1981-82, when world oil prices began to fall.

Oil revenues, projected at 1.7 billion dinars (\$5.9 billion), hit 2.05 billion dinars (\$7.1 billion) from 1.48 billion dinars (\$5.1 billion) in 1986-87.

Spending, planned at 3.16 billion dinars (\$11 billion), reached only 2.4 billion dinars (\$8.3 billion) from 2.86 billion dinars (\$9.9 billion) the year before.

Although the deficit was far below forecast, bankers did not expect Kuwait to scrap a public borrowing scheme launched last November to finance it.

The Central Bank issued nearly 1.4 billion dinars (\$4.9 billion) in Treasury bills and bonds to local banks during 1987-88 and has been renewing them on maturity this year.

The bankers said Kuwait may have needed the money to cover deficits from previous years or to hedge against renewed weakness in the world oil market.

Oil prices are now at 25-month lows. The 1988-89 budget projects a deficit of 1.35 billion dinars (\$4.7 billion) on spending of 3.19 billion dinars (\$11 billion).

Yugoslavia appeals against price hikes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct 1, (AP): The Yugoslav government, in a bid to contain runaway inflation and growing labour unrest, has demanded cancellation of planned sharp price hikes of electricity, rents, rail and postal services, newspapers reported today.

The last minute government appeal came after the state-run Electrical Company announced a 31 per cent price boost of electricity, due to take effect today.

Also as of Oct 1, postal services in Yugoslavia were to go up by 10.5 per cent, rents by 36 per cent, and rail transport by 36.7 per cent for passengers and 46.7 for cargo.

The government communiqué, published in the official press, said that such steep price hikes "are unjustified at the time of the country's very difficult social and economic situation."

The price increases would boost the country's rampant inflation and lead to a further drop in living standards of Yugoslavs, the government said, adding that the companies should reconsider the planned hikes by Oct 4.

Prices of electricity, rail transport and postal services were considerably boosted in July.

Workers have staged several protest marches in Yugoslavia following the introduction in May of a government austerity programme which allowed substantial price hikes and hefty wage cuts.

Every six months, Institutional Investor magazine asks about 100 international commercial banks to rank the creditworthiness of 112 nations on a scale of zero to 100.

No 1 in the magazine's latest September survey is Japan, with a rating of 94.8, followed by Switzerland (93.9), West Germany (93.1) and the United States (89.7). At the bottom of the heap to 111th and 112th places are Nicaragua, with a 5.2 rating and North Korea, 4.5.

The average rating of all 112 nations, Institutional Investor says in its September issue, hit "an all-time low of 38.7" in its September survey.

The new global low is the culmination of a long-term downward trend in the 10 years that this magazine has been compiling country credit ratings, it adds.

"The decline of two-tenths of a point since March 1988... seems to reflect an instinctive pessimism, even a worldweariness, rather than any specific developments."

Average country credit ratings have been sinking at a particularly fast rate since August 1982, when Mexico's announcement that it could not meet its foreign debt payments signalled the beginning of a Third World debt crisis that still continues to deepen six years later.

Third World debtors now owe an estimated \$1.2 trillion to foreign banks, governments, international credit institutions and other global creditors. The total debt continues to grow as the debtor nations fall further behind on their payments of principal and interest.

Survey Institutional investor notes that in its September survey that except for "the lingering effects of lower oil prices on such oil exporters as Algeria, Nigeria and Trinidad, the upicks and downicks largely reflect unique domestic issues — a country's handling of debt or trade or ethnic disputes."

"The decline of two-tenths of a

KUWAIT						
BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	1,070	1,090	1,090	1,080	815000	30
-GULF BANK	0.435	0.435	0.435	0.435	1330000	40
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.325	0.325	0.325	0.325	1170000	38
-ABLI BANK	0.385	0.390	0.390	0.385	1010000	38
-B.K.M.E	0.390	0.395	0.395	0.395	260000	5
-K.R.E.B.	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	60000	2
-BURGAN BANK	0.320	0.325	0.325	0.325	210000	9
-K.F. HOUSE	0.540	0.550	0.550	0.540	235000	16
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KUT INV. CO.	0.154	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.I.I.C.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-COM.FACILITIES	0.490	0.485	0.485	0.485	60000	2
-AMLIAH INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-I.F.F.A.	0.100	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-INV. PEARL KUT	0.104	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KUT INSURANCE	0.730	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-GULF INSURANCE	0.370	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-AMLIA INS. CO.	0.580	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.460	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KUT R.EST. CO.	0.236	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-UNI R.EST. CO.	0.102	0.106	0.106	0.104	660000	12
-NAT R.EST. CO.	0.208	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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-REF. IND. CO.	0.415	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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-K.N.C. CO.	0.190	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.162	0.166	0.166	0.162	120000	6
-COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	240000	2
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-UNTO FISHERIES	0.154	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-UNTO POULTRY	0.230	0.230	0.230	0.230	80000	3
-KUT FOODS	0.315	0.315	0.315	0.310	60000	3
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C-R.K.WHITE CEMENT	0.022	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
O-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
E-FUJAIRAH CEMENT	0.008	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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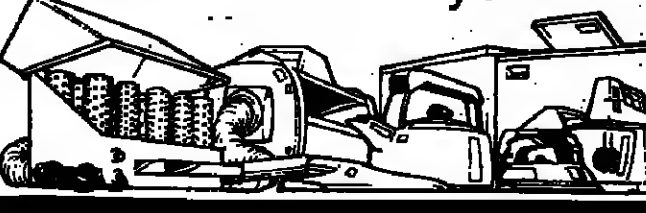
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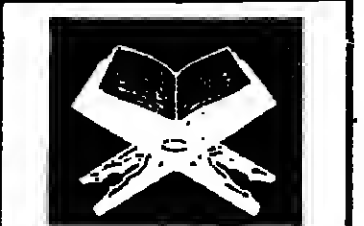
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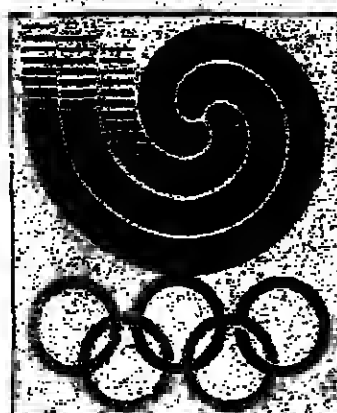
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Britain beat W. Germany for first hockey title

SEOUL, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Britain beat West Germany for the first time for 20 years today to win their first Olympic men's hockey title.

Their 3-1 win in the final followed four successive defeats by the Germans, one of them in a preliminary round match in Seoul last week.

European champions the Netherlands beat world champions and top seeds Australia 2-1 in the bronze medal match to give Europe a sweep of the medals.

Britain, who won a bronze medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, have grown in stature in every game since the Germans beat them 2-1 nine days ago and played an excellent tactical game in their first Olympic final for 40 years.

Their wingers, Imran Sherwani and Stephen Batchelor, made an outstanding contribution. Sherwani scored the first and third goals. The irrepressible Sean Kerly was their other scorer.

Sherwani jinked through for the first goal after 19 minutes. Kerly flicked low at Britain's only penalty corner for the second in the 46th minute and Sherwani met a cross from Batchelor for the third six minutes later.

Consolation
The Germans, unbeaten before the final, collected a consolation goal through their captain Heiner Dopp who was playing the last of his 286 international matches.

Dopp said afterwards: "We were not clear in the head today. We slept in the first half."

British coach — David Whitaker put his side's success down to tactical changes after the group match defeat. "Our tactics proved right and when the chances came along we snapped them up," he said.

The Netherlands' victory gave them their first Olympic men's hockey medal since 1952 and matched the third place finish of their women's team.

Australia were the more aggressive side but failed to capitalise on their chances, missing a medal for the second successive games after being favourites.

Both Dutch goals, in the 23rd and 56th minutes, were scored by their penalty corner striker Floris Jan Bovelander, the tournament's top scorer with nine goals.

Australian substitute Ken Wark set up Graham Reid for a well-taken consolation goal in the 61st minute.



Lewis receives medal taken from Johnson

SEOUL, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Carl Lewis, who buried the 100 metres gold medal he won at the 1984 Olympics in his father's coffin, was presented with the gold medal taken from Ben Johnson in an emotional ceremony today.

Clutching the gold which meant so much to him, Lewis said after a simple ceremony in an office under the stadium stands: "I don't believe it is tainted."

Moved
Lewis's father died last year after a long battle against cancer and Lewis, clearly moved, said: "This is without question dedicated to him. The one thing I wanted more than anything is in my hand. This one is for me."

"When the medal was there, it was an emotional moment for me."

ROMANIAN WINS WOMEN'S 1,500 METRES

Kenyans reign supreme in track finale

SEOUL, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Kenyans Peter Rono and John Ngugi, together with Romanian Paula Ivan, revived the thrilling art of front running in an action-packed programme as the track spectacular wrapped up at the Seoul Olympics today.

The Kenyans have now won four athletics titles and with only tomorrow's marathon to be decided Africans have an excellent chance of sweeping every men's event from the 800 metre upward.

Nine finals were decided in a hectic three and a half hours, climaxing with world record and world record-equaling performances in the 4x400 metres relay.

Anchored
The Soviet women's team broke the four-year-old East German mark to beat a United States team anchored by triple gold medalist Florence Griffith-Joyner.

The American men's team then equalled the oldest track record on the books when their three 400 individual medalists, anchored by world record holder and silver medalist Butch Reynolds, clocked two minutes 56.16 seconds to match the mark set by the US quartet at the Mexico Olympics 20 years ago.

Ivan set the tone for the individual track finals when she took the lead from the start of the women's 1,500 metres.

The 25-year-old Romanian led the field by five metres at 800 and increased her margin to 10 at the bell.

The remainder of a high-class



Rono (668) leads Elliott (418), Harold (466) and Cram (415) towards the finish line. (Reuters wirephoto)

field were left fighting for the minor placings as Ivan swept down the home straight to win in three minutes 53.96 seconds, the second fastest time ever.

Her victory margin of six seconds was the biggest since the women's 1,500 was introduced to the Games in 1972.

Rono, whose first overseas trip was to Seoul four years ago when he won two world junior



Bryzgina (left) crosses the finish line ahead of Griffith Joyner in the 4x400m relay. (Reuters wirephoto)

titles, lurked near the back of the 1,500 metres field for the first two laps.

The 21-year-old university student took the lead with two laps to run and remorselessly

straight Rono still led by a clear margin and he raced to victory with his right arm raised high and a broad smile on his face.

The Kenyan, who comes from the west Kenyan Nandi tribe and studies in the United States, clocked three minutes 35.96 seconds.

Elliott was second in 3:36.15 and East German Jens-Peter Herold snatched the bronze from Cram in 3:36.21.

Rono's win was remarkable. Ngugi's 5,000 metres victory verged on the miraculous.

The 26-year-old soldier, who won his third World Cross-country Championship this year, has been plagued by knee problems.

But today he displayed breathtaking confidence to break with 10 laps to go and lope to victory in 13:11.70, easily the fastest time in the world this year. The rest of the field struggled in his wake.

The relays, the traditional climax to major athletics championships, supplied their full share of excitement.

World and Olympic champion Olga Bryzgina anchored the Russian team to victory in 3:15.18, more than half a second faster than the previous mark.

Griffith-Joyner, running her first major 400 for five years — 40 minutes after winning her third gold in the 4x100 metres relay — could make no impression on the flying Russian although she still clocked an unofficial 48.2 seconds.

Bryzgina, however, was still swifter, recording an unofficial 47.9.

OLYMPIC NOTEBOOK

Turkey's hero to quit weightlifting

ISTANBUL, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Turkish sports hero Naim Süleymanoğlu said today he was quitting weightlifting after winning the country's only gold medal at the Seoul Olympic Games.

"I was already thinking of leaving after the Olympics. Everything must be left in due time. I have decided to leave weightlifting," the stocky champion told the Anatolian news agency.

Handball event

THE Soviet Union countered a beefed-up Korean second half defense to win the gold medal in men's Olympic team handball yesterday. 32-25. Yugoslavia won the bronze medal earlier by beating Hungary, 27-23. This was the reverse of Friday's situation, when the Korean women's team defeated the Soviet women for the gold medal, 21-19. The Soviets ended up with the bronze and Norway with the silver.

Water polo

GEORGI MSHVENIE-RADZE scored four goals to lead the Soviet Union to a seesaw 14-13 victory over West Germany and the bronze medal in Olympic water polo yesterday. The Soviet team, knocked out of contention for the gold by the United States Friday, quickly opened the game with four unanswered goals, including two by Mshvenieradze. The Soviets led 5-1 at the end of the first period.

Judo competition

TEARS mingled with sweat as heavyweight Hitoshi Saito grabbed a gold medal for Japan in the last bout of the Olympic judo competition. The week's fighting has seen Japan's dominance of the sport shattered. The rest of the world has caught up in the grueling martial art. Saito, the defending champion, beat East Germany's giant Henry Stoehr in a defensive final and the Japanese wept with joy.

Judo medal

MICHAEL SWAIN of the United States has been awarded the Olympic bronze judo medal stripped from Britain's Kenneth Brown after he failed a dope test, the International Judo Federation (IJF) said yesterday. IJF president Sarkis Kaloghian said Swain, the world champion beaten by Brown in their lightweight category bronze medal fight, would probably be presented with the medal today. Brown had already handed it back, he added.

Men's kayaking

GREG BARTON won the United States their first two gold medals in men's kayaking in light finishes at the Olympic canoeing yesterday. The 28-year-old Californian engineer came out just ahead in the one-man and two-man 1,000 metres kayak finals. The American had to wait in agonising 10 minutes after the one-man final as officials fumbled over who had won in the close finish with Australia's Grant Davies.

Duet title

CAROLYN WALDO clinched her second Olympic synchronized swimming gold medal when she and Canadian partner Michelle Cameron won the duet title yesterday. American sisters Sarah and Karen Josephson upstaged the Canadians in the concluding free routine but Waldo and Cameron had established a virtually unbeatable lead in Wednesday's compulsory figures.

Drug scandals

THE Olympic movement's anti-doping chief said yesterday he would fight a proposal to drop weightlifting from future games because of a string of drug scandals in Seoul. Prince Alexandre de Merode, head of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, said weightlifting's world governing body was at the forefront of anti-doping and that a ban could destroy the sport.

Olympic basketball

THE Soviet Union broke the US stranglehold on Olympic basketball in Seoul for only the second time. But professional players could be in the next Olympics to put America firmly back in control in Barcelona. This time round the Russians triumphed over the US in the semifinals and then beat Yugoslavia to gain their second Olympic basketball gold, further evidence of the sport's widening pool of talent.

S. Korean archers

SOUTH KOREA'S archers struck Olympic gold twice yesterday, winning both the inaugural men's and women's team events. Individual champion Kim Soo-Nyung led her team to victory with a total of 982 points. Indonesia came second, beating the United States in a three-arrow shoot-off after both teams tied at 952.

Soviets tame Brazilians in thriller

SEOUL, Oct. 1, (Reuters): The Soviet Union battered to the Olympic soccer title today and condemned Brazil to the silver medal for the second games in succession with a thrilling 2-1 extra-time victory.

Both sides finished with 10 men. One from each side was sent off in a rugged period of extra time which earned the Soviet Union the trophy for the first time since 1956.

Second half substitute Yuri Savichev netted the golden goal for the Russians one minute before the end of the first extra period.

Clear
The torpedoes Moscow striker gained possession midway inside the Brazilian half, sped clear as a defender dived in a vain attempt to haul him down and lobbed the ball into the net over advancing goalkeeper Taffarel.

But four minutes into the second half the Soviet Union were reduced to 10 men when Vladimir Tatarschuk was ordered off for fouling Luiz Carlos — his second offence after an 80th minute booking for dissent.

They survived the handicap, which was nullified two minutes before the whistle when Edmar

hacked down Alexei Mikhailichenko with a slicing thigh-high charge from behind.

Romario had put Brazil into the lead in the 30th minute with his seventh goal of the tournament, but Igor Dobrovolsky equalised in the 62nd from the penalty spot.

Brazil struck first when they won a corner on the right. Neto's left-footed kick looped across the goal, completely beat Soviet goalkeeper Dimitri Kharin and fell to Romario at the far post. He deftly tapped the ball home.

Tatarschuk exposed the Brazilian defence in the 10th minute, turning in a cross from the right flank which Mikhailichenko met firmly with his left foot but hit just outside the goalkeeper's left upright.

In the 25th minute, Mikhailichenko sent Vladimir Lituy away and the striker brushed past Aloisio's ineffective challenge and put in a right-foot shot which tested Taffarel.

The Brazilians missed the promptings of experienced midfielders Geovani and Ademir, both suspended for the final after receiving their second bookings in the semifinal victory over West Germany.

But they started to play with more confidence after their goal, with Milton and Careca moving forward well.

Bebeto sent a free-kick curling over the bar and a minute before the interval Andre Cruz hit another free-kick which Kharin was relieved to turn round his post for a corner.

The Soviet Union brought on Savichev for Arminas Narbekovas after the interval and the switch nearly brought a richly earned bonus when the newcomer forced a fine save from Taffarel at the foot of the right post.

Rewarded

The Soviet attack put the Brazilians under intense pressure and they were rewarded in the 62nd minute after Mikhailichenko was upended by Aloisio as he charged into the box. Dobrovolsky converted the penalty with a low left-foot shot for his sixth goal of the campaign.

Brazil, seeking a change of fortune, made two substitutions within three minutes as the end of normal time approached.

Edmar came on for Neto, which helped steady the midfield, and — with 15 minutes of normal

time left — Joao Paulo was brought on for Bebeto, which made an enormous difference to the attack.

The lively raider caused havoc in the Soviet defence as he scurried in on a ubiquitous assault of goal, injecting more pace into the Brazilian attack, shooting himself and setting up chances for others, notably Romario.

But the Soviet defence survived, sending the game into extra-time.

The Brazilians maintained their siege on the opposition defence and Joao Paulo drew a free-kick from Kharin in the 87th minute with a full-blooded left-foot shot.

The Brazilians forced a succession of corners but were caught on the counter-punch when Savichev struck in the 104th minute.

After Tatarschuk's expulsion, Lituy found the pace on the right to set up a chance for Mikhailichenko. The Soviet European Championship star had plenty of space but squandered the opportunity.

At the other end Kharin punched out a fierce long-range shot from Careca, but that turned out to be Brazil's last effort.

Said Aouita

MOROCCAN newspapers expressed shock and sadness yesterday that Said Aouita failed to win a gold medal at the Seoul Olympics.

Aouita, who promised so much, had to settle for a bronze in the 800 metres. The mass-circulation daily Al Alam said the Moroccan's demise was a "sad surprise," but added: "What happened to Aouita happens to all champions and he is after all a human being ... one must ask however whether his decision to run the 800 metres and then the 1,500 metres was wrong."



Johnson on his way to the Toronto Sun to tell his story. (Reuters wirephoto)

I never took any banned substances: Johnson

TORONTO, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Ben Johnson, who was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal this week after he failed a drug test, told the Toronto Sun in an exclusive interview that he "never took any banned substances."

In the interview published today Johnson said he received anti-inflammatory cortisone injections from his doctor, George Mario (Jamie) Astaphan, days before running the 100 metres last week in Seoul in a World record 9.79 seconds.

Pain

"I was told I had to have the shots three to four days before the race so the pain would go away. I rested for a couple of days to let it take effect," he said.

The only other medication Johnson said he took was a liquid which he said was made by Astaphan and taken throughout training and in Seoul.

"I stayed in the hotel (in Seoul) and Jamie mixed my drinks," Johnson said. "He told me it was

an energy builder and contained sarsaparilla and ginseng. I never mixed my own drink. Jamie told me what was in it."

Johnson won the gold medal in the race but had it taken away two days later after Olympic officials said he had tested positive for banned anabolic steroids.

Since then, several sources have alleged that Astaphan gave the 26-year-old sprinter banned substances.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario announced yesterday an investigation into Astaphan's practice.

But Johnson said he does not suspect his doctor of prescribing a banned drug.

"He is like a father to me. He treated me like a son. He put me up with his parents. I like Jamie. I trusted him," he told the newspaper.

Johnson told George Gross, the Sun's corporate sports editor, that the West German magazine Stern offered him \$500,000 for his story.

Athletes accused of faking tests

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct. 1, (AP): An anonymous letter accusing some athletes of submitting phony urine samples after their Olympics events was given to the International Olympic Committee today.

The letter, handwritten in broken English, was passed along to IOC medical teams at the Olympic stadium by Canadian runner Lynn Williams and coach Doug Clement, who said it was left for them at the athletes village.

The letter said some track and field athletes were carrying rubber vials filled with other people's urine through their events, then submitting the sample as their own for urinalysis.

"This thing is forbidden and, because I am an athlete woman, Paul Ivan. Sincerely yours," the letter ended.

Paula Ivan, of Romania, won the women's 1,500 in 3 minutes, 53.96 seconds. Williams finished fifth.

"We're not saying this is true, but whoever wrote this letter was concerned enough to draw attention to it," Williams said. "We feel we can speak out about it. It makes you feel the best you can finish is fourth, fifth or sixth under these circumstances."

Koreans and Chinese sweep medals

SEOUL, Oct. 1, (AP): South Koreans Yoo Nam-Kyu and Kim Ki-Taik finished one-two in men's singles table tennis and China swept the gold, silver and bronze medals in women's singles competition at the Olympics today.

Yoo defeated Kim 17-21, 21-19, 21-11, 23-21 to win the men's championship, while Chen Jing took the women's gold with a 21-17, 21-16, 21-23, 21-21, 21-15 triumph over Chinese teammate Li Huiwen.

Sweden's Erik Lindh earned the men's bronze medal with a 14-21, 21-17, 21-17, 21-16 victory over Hungary's Tibor Klampar.

China's Jiao Zhimin claimed the women's bronze with a 21-18, 21-19, 21-17 triumph over Marie Hrachova of Czechoslovakia.

Zhimin, the world's second-ranked woman player, also teamed with Chen to win the silver in women's doubles yesterday.

Losing
Yoo, who won a bronze medal in men's doubles, dominated Kim after losing the first game of the men's final. The silver medalist battled back in the

fourth game to go ahead 20-19 but couldn't hold off the 20-year-old left-hander.

Huiwen, down two games to none, rallied to force the women's final to five games. She fought off match point in game 3 after Chen rallied from a 20-17 deficit to take a 21-20 lead and retained the momentum through game 4.

Chen, 20, regained control midway through the final game. She scored six consecutive points to pull away from a 9-9 tie and had no trouble closing out the one hour, 15-minute match.

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Kenyan wins first boxing gold for Africa

SEOUL, Oct. 1, (Reuters): The United States and East Germany each won two Olympic boxing golds today and Kenya's Robert Wangila battered his way to an historic first for black Africa.

The American and East German triumphs were expected, but not welterweight (67 kg) Wangila's knockout defeat of France's Laurent Boudouani.

The stylish Frenchman was expected to jabs his way to a points victory over the raw Kenyan, a powerful puncher who lacked Boudouani's top-class experience and polished technique.

Floored
Wangila's right hook, a sight to behold, was not to be thwarted and the Nairobi brewery worker floored the Frenchman in the second round to win black Africa's first boxing gold.

"It's the first time I've been knocked down in 90 fights ... it really hurts," said Boudouani who also hit the canvas from the same punch in the first round.

But he took the defeat sportingly and, much to the relief of the organisers, so did the local fans when South Korean heavyweight (91 kg) Baik Hyun-Man was felled by American Ray Mercer.

After soaking up a flurry of



Mercer (left) and Hristov leap into the air after winning gold medals. (Reuters wirephoto)

punches that had the fans on their feet, Mercer waded Baik with body blows before landing a perfectly timed left jab in the last minute of the first round.

"The Hulk," as he is known here, toppled and was given an eight count by the referee who then judged him too dazed to continue.

Mercer leaped and whooped in triumph, leaving the crowd to console themselves with the prospect of seeing two other South

Koreans in tomorrow's concluding session of finals.

The clear-cut win was met by only a few derisive jeers from the home fans, still smarting at the American media's splash coverage of a shaming ring invasion last week.

US bantamweight (54 kg) Kennedy McKinney avenged Ivailo Hristov's defeat of light-flyweight (48 kg) Michael Carbajal by lifting the gold in a thrilling bout with another Bulgarian.



He floored Alexander Hristov, no relation to his namesake, in the first round and battered him around the ring for the rest of the fight to take a whitewash decision.

Middleweight (75 kg) Henry Maske and lightweight (60 kg) Andreas Zuelow displayed customary East German technique and efficiency in outpointing their Canadian and Swedish opponents.

They could be joined on the

gold medal list by compatriot Andreas Tews after tomorrow's flyweight (51 kg) final though South Korean Kim Kwang-Sun has other ideas.

The tenacious Kim looks unbeatable and if Tews can withstand his whirlwind attacks and win he will have more than earned his gold.

Three other Americans — super-heavyweight (over 91 kg) Riddick Bowe, light-heavyweight (81 kg) Andrew Maynard and light-middleweight (71 kg) Roy Jones — will also appear in the last six fights of the tournament.

Bowe's opponent Lennox Lewis could perhaps provide the toughest test as he bids to become the first Canadian boxing gold medalist since 1932.

Australian light-welterweight (63.5 kg) Graham Cheney will try to win his country's first-ever boxing gold when he fights the Soviet Union's Vyacheslav Yanovski.

Two outsiders — Italy's Giovanni Parisi, and Daniel Dumitrescu — will contest the featherweight (57 kg) final.

The six fights will end the biggest, toughest boxing tournament in Olympic history. A record 440 fighters from 107 countries entered.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Richest race

DUBLIN, Oct. 1, (Reuters): The first running of the Cartier Million, the world's richest horse race for two-year-olds, was won at Phoenix Park today by 7-1 chance Corwyn Bay. Trained by ex-jockey Tommy Stack, who won the 1977 Aintree Grand National on Red Rum, Corwyn Bay struck the front a furlong (200 metres) from home and went on the land the 500,000 Irish punts (\$700,000) first prize by a length.

Sicilian tennis

PALERMO, Sicily, Oct. 1, (AP): Top-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden qualified for the semifinals in the \$123,400 Sicilian Tennis Championships yesterday fighting back to defeat unseeded Italian Claudio Panatta 4-6 6-2 6-3. Third-seeded Argentine Guillermo Perez-Roldan and fourth-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria also gained semifinal berths.

Clark ahead

SOUTHPORT, England, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Ryder Cup international Howard Clark shrugged off a shoulder injury to make a determined bid for the English Open golf championship at Royal Birkdale today. The Englishman grabbed an eagle and three birdies in a third-round 67 to move into second place behind Irish pacemaker Des Smyth on six-under-par 210.

1998 Games

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 1, (Reuters): The city of Anchorage, which finished third in the four-city race won by Lillehammer, Norway to host the 1994 Winter Games, will press forward with its Olympics quest and bid for the 1998 Games. Anchorage Organising Committee (AOC) chairman Rick Myster said on Thursday the first step would be to gain the US Olympic Committee (USOC) nomination as America's bid city.

Colour slides

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, (Reuters): A messenger found two sealed cardboard boxes marked Seoul, Korea and Sports Illustrated lying on the pavement in bustling Manhattan and liked what he saw inside — 3,000 colour slides from the Olympic Games. Police said Roberto Garcia took the boxes back to his office, showed them around the office and then took them home on Thursday evening.

King Hussein wins hillclimb

AMMAN, Jordan, Oct. 1, (IAP): Jordan's motoring monarch proved yesterday he's king of the hill by topping 60 competitors in an annual automobile race. King Hussein, 52, drove his Mercedes Benz 200 up the 3-kilometre Rumman hillclimb course north of Amman in a record time of 2 minutes, 4 seconds to recapture a title he first won in 1956.

Second place went to the king's eldest son, Prince Abdullah, who finished in 2 minutes, 5 seconds. Abdullah won the event last year when it was revived after a 20-year hiatus following the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. The king is an avid pilot and was a successful go-kart racer and rally car driver in his youth.

NEWCASTLE SURPRISE LIVERPOOL

Millwall move to top of League

LONDON, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Millwall, playing in the English soccer First Division for the first time in their 103-year history, went to the top of the League today when they beat fellow-London club Queen's Park Rangers 3-2 at home.

Millwall began the day in third place but went top as leaders Norwich and second-placed Liverpool both stumbled.

Norwich suffered their first defeat of the season when they went down 3-1 to visiting Charlton, while Liverpool, unbeaten at home in the League since March 1987, were surprisingly beaten 2-1 at Anfield by second-bottom club Newcastle United.

Equalised
Millwall, still unbeaten, have 14 points from six games and are followed by Norwich (13), Liverpool (11), Southampton (11) and Manchester United (11).

Irish international Tony Cascarino put Millwall in front after 12 minutes and although Rangers' veteran forward Trevor Francis equalised in the 32nd minute the First Division newcomers quickly assumed command.

Cascarino scored again in the 37th minute and co-striker Terry Hurlock struck the third two minutes later.

Martin Allen reduced the deficit in the 71st minute but QPR's misery was complete when Francis missed a penalty. Norwich made an encouraging

start when Andy Linighan put them ahead after 16 minutes against Charlton but goals from Paul Williams (23 and 66) and Paul Mortimer (60) ended the Canaries' brief stay at the top.

Liverpool threatened to overturn Newcastle when defender Gary Gillespie scored in the third minute.

But inspired by the play of record-signing goalkeeper Dave Beasant, United recovered their poise and Scottish midfielder John Hendrie scored a splendid equaliser on the half-hour mark.

Newcastle, knocked out of the League Cup 3-0 by Third Division Sheffield United in midweek, then turned the formbook upside down when Brazilian striker Mirandinha scored the winner with an 83rd minute penalty.

Manchester United shared the points in a four-goal thriller at Tottenham in a match in which both sides enjoyed periods of ascendancy.

Chris Waddle put Tottenham ahead in the 38th minute. United took the lead through Mark Hughes and Brian McClair in the 43rd and 71st minutes, then Paul Walsh rounded off the scoring four minutes from time.

Tottenham's expensive signing Paul Stewart, playing his first game since his summer transfer from Manchester City, missed from the penalty spot two minutes from the end.

The highest scoring game in



Mirandinha
The division was at Coventry where visiting Middlesbrough took all three points with a spirited 4-3 victory.

Their display was rough justice on Coventry's Scottish striker David Speedie who scored a hat-trick only to finish on the losing side. Speedie's lesser-known fellow-Scott Bernie Slaven achieved the same feat for the visitors.

Results

English Division One		
Coventry	3	Middlesbrough 4
Liverpool	1	Newcastle 2
Millwall	3	Q.P.R. 2
Norwich	1	Charlton 0
Nottingham	0	Luton 0
Sheff Wed.	1	Aston Villa 0
Southampton	0	Derby 0
Tottenham	2	Man. U. 2
West Ham	1	Arsenal 4
Wimbledon	2	Everton 1
English Division Two		
Birmingham	3	Barnsley 5
Bradford	2	Portsmouth 1
Brighton	2	Leeds 1
Chelsea	2	Leicester 1
Crystal P.	4	Plymouth 1
Hull	0	Walsall 0
Manchester C.	1	Blackburn 0
Oxford	4	Shrewsbury 1
Sheff Utd	2	Bournemouth 1
Slough	3	Oldham 2
Sunderland	2	Swindon 3
Watford	2	Wrexham 1
West Brom	1	Wolves 2
English Division Three		
Bolton	2	Sheff Utd 0
Brentford	1	Gillingham 0
Bristol C.	2	Swansea 0
Cardiff	2	Bristol R. 2
Charterfield	1	Bury 2
Huddersfield	2	Fulham 0
Mansfield	1	Notts County 1
Northampton	6	Aldershot 0
Preston	3	Southend 2
Reading	3	Chesham 1
Wolves	3	Port Vale 3
Wigan	2	Blackpool 1
English Division Four		
Colechester	1	Lincoln 3
Darlington	1	Bury 1
Hereford	2	Grimsby 1
Rochdale	2	Crewe 1
Rotherham	0	Exeter 1
Southport	0	Scarborough 3
Stockport	2	Doncaster 0
Tonny	3	Exeter 0
Wrexham	1	Peterborough 3
York	5	Halifax 3

Cambridge U. 3		Carlisle 2
Scottish Premier		
Dundee U.	0	Hearts 0
Fife	3	Celtic 1
Motherwell	1	Aberdeen 1
Rangers	2	Dundee 0
St Mirren	2	Hamilton 0
Scottish Division One		
Airdrie	0	Meadowbank 0
Clyde	1	Dunfermline 1
Clydebank	2	Fairlie 2
Kilmarnock	3	Morton 0
Queen of S.	0	Falkirk 4
Raid	0	Ayr 0
St Johnstone	2	Partick 1
Scottish Division Two		
Alloa	3	Albion 1
Arbroath	2	Stirling 1
Berwick	1	Dumbarton 0
Cowdenbeath	2	E. Stirling 1
Montrose	3	Stanhope 1
Queen's Park	1	Brechin 1
Stranraer	2	East Fife 2
Standings		
English First Division tables after matches played today (tablets — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points)		
Millwall	6	4 2 0 13 7 14
Norwich	6	4 1 1 11 8 13
Liverpool	6	3 2 1 10 5 11
Southampton	6	3 2 1 10 6 11
Manchester U.	6	3 2 1 7 3 11
Arsenal	6	3 1 2 17 11 10
Sheff Wed	6	3 1 2 6 6 10
Coventry	5	3 0 2 9 6 9
Derby	5	2 2 2 4 3 8
Everton	5	2 1 3 8 7 7
Aston Villa	5	1 4 9 9 7 7
QPR	5	2 1 3 5 5 7
Charlton	5	2 1 3 8 10 7
Tottenham	5	1 3 1 10 6 6
Middlesbrough	5	2 0 4 9 11 6
Nottingham	5	0 5 1 5 6 5
Luton	5	1 2 3 6 13 5
Newcastle	5	1 2 3 6 13 5
Wimbledon	5	1 1 4 5 11 4
West Ham	5	1 1 4 5 15 4



Reagan (left) handles play-by-play developments during the Chicago-Kansas City match. (Reuters wirephoto)

Boston win AL East crown despite defeat

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, (Reuters): The Boston Red Sox lost yesterday, but won Major League baseball's American League Eastern division title when their two closest challengers — the Milwaukee Brewers and the New York Yankees — also lost.

The Red Sox, defeated 4-2 by the Cleveland Indians, won the division when their rivals' defeats made it mathematically impossible for them to finish the season with better records.

The Sox will open the best-of-seven American League championship series in Boston on Wednesday against the Oakland Athletics.

Pennant
The New York Mets will travel to play the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday for the first of the best-of-seven games for the National League pennant.

The winners of each League will reach the World Series.

Meanwhile, "Dutch" Reagan was back on the airwaves yesterday, commenting on a baseball game just as smoothly as he did before he became famous at things like movies and politics.

President Reagan dropped into the press box at Wrigley Field during a Chicago visit and helped announce a Chicago Cubs-Pittsburgh Pirates game for one inning.

His appearance with the Cubs broadcast team was also piped out live by a national television news station so that a nationwide cable audience got to hear how Reagan handled play-by-play developments.

"And there goes a ball down over second base and it's a hit out into centre field one run is in," the stand-in announcer said.

He got a lot of practice at this sort of thing as a young baseball announcer known as "Dutch" Reagan on Who Radio in Des Moines, Iowa, in the 1930s. From there, Hollywood beckoned.

Reagan helped commentate on the first inning and then excused himself, saying: "I have to move along now. The job I presently have is calling me — but not for long."

Results		
American League		
Cleveland	4	Boston 3
Detroit	6	New York 0
Toronto	4	Baltimore 0
Minnesota	8	California 5
Kansas City	4	Chicago 6
Texas	11	Seattle 6
Oakland	7	Milwaukee 1
National League		
Pittsburgh	10	Chicago 9
Cincinnati	8	Atlanta 7
Philadelphia	2	Montreal 1
New York	4	St Louis 2
San Diego	5	Houston 1
Los Angeles	6	San Francisco 4

Three players reach Open semifinals

THREE players reached the semifinals of the under-12 group at the 3rd Tennis Open, being organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel courts.

The three players, Hussain Al Ashwak, Fahd Sami Al Ibrahim and Michael Khawlat, will be joined in the semifinals by the winner of the Khaled Al Gharabally-Saud Abdullahif match.

The under-18 singles event has also reached the semifinal stage while the quarterfinals in the same age-group will start tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the organising committee has invited five professional players, all coaches of local clubs, to play in the tournament from tomorrow.

Demian Sencillo (national team), Najj Abdulbaki (Al Arabi), Robson (Qadisiya), Ali Abdulmufi (Ramada Salam) and Rodolf Thompson (Yarmouk) will play against each other to decide the champion.

Results of matches played on Friday morning and evening are as follows:

Morning: Youssef Al Ibrahim bt Raed

Salim 5/7, 7/5, 6/1; Youssef Shamian bt Bashar Al Hashab 6/2, 6/4; Aiman Al Ashwak bt Tareq Al Subaili 6/0, 6/2; Feras Helmi bt Foad Al Gharib 6/4, 6/1; Tareq Al Aryan bt Abdulaziz Marzouk 6/2, 6/4; Ashraf Mohammed bt Heini Hejazi (default); Adel Al Shatti bt Mohammad Al Sami 6/2, 2/6, 6/2; Walid Al Bannai bt Khaled Al Gharabally 6/0, 6/0.

Evening: Youssef Al Ibrahim bt Adel Al Qatani 6/4, 2/6, 6/4; Aiman Al Ashwak bt Feras Helmi 6/2, 6/1; Youssef Shamian bt Mohammad Ashraf 6/0, 6/2; Walid Al Bannai bt Adel Al Shatti 6/4, 6/4; Ahmad Al Reesh bt Maher Ahmad 6/0, 6/0; Basam Al Hajeri bt Adel Mansour 6/1, 6/0; Emad Hamed bt Maher Abdulrahim 6/2, 6/1; Adel Al Shatti bt Aziz Ahmad 6/2, 6/4.

Double: Robin Hill and Shaji John bt Maher Abdulrahim and Saleh Abdullahif

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Nepomuceno takes overall lead

EDWIN NEPOMUCENO, a Filipino, took the overall lead with a remarkable round of 586 after the second week of the Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) Grand Prix bowling tournament at Club 300 over the weekend.

Nepomuceno scored 182, 150 and 254 in three games to shake off a strong challenge from the other bowlers. He also took the High Game with his 254 pinfalls in the last game, breaking the old record of 245.

Nafez Al Aqras, a Palestinian and 1988 Masters champion, was second with 582 while Nashat

Mohammed, another Palestinian, was third with 578.

The other bowlers who were in the top 13 were Celso Estrada, Flor Tongson, Tino Ocampo, Archie Nanta, Lando Caburao, Arthur Reyes, Boy de Los Santos, Mansoor Al Shatti, John Kasper and Komaruddin.

In the women's section, Filipina Cora Paras took the top spot with a total of 526 pinfalls. Rookie Edna Abenaja was second with 389.

Meanwhile Kay & Associates won their 4th game by default in the 4th round of the first PBAK Inter-commercial Bowling

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Chang sails past Pernfors

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Unseeded American Michael Chang demolished fourth seed Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 6-4 6-0 yesterday to earn a semifinal berth against compatriot Danie Visser at the \$415,000 San Francisco tennis tournament.

Third-seeded John McEnroe, who took three sets to defeat unseeded fellow American Tim Wilkison 2-6 6-2 6-2, will play compatriot Johan Kriek in the other semifinal.

Battle
Unseeded Kriek advanced by upsetting fellow American Kevin Curren, the second seed, 1-6 6-4 6-2.

Visser, a South African qualifier, beat unseeded American Paul Annacone 6-4 6-4.